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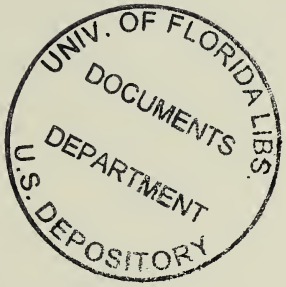
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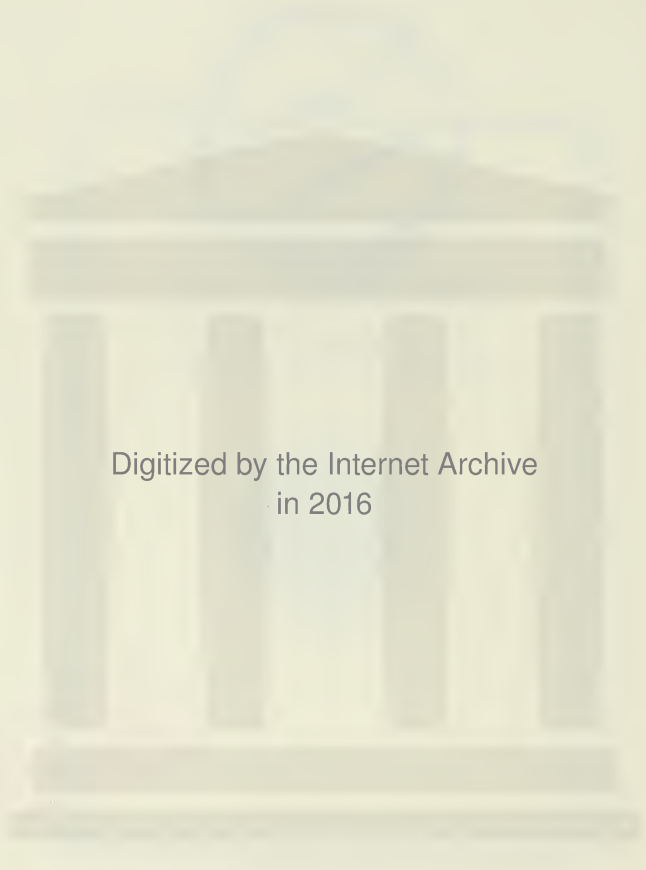

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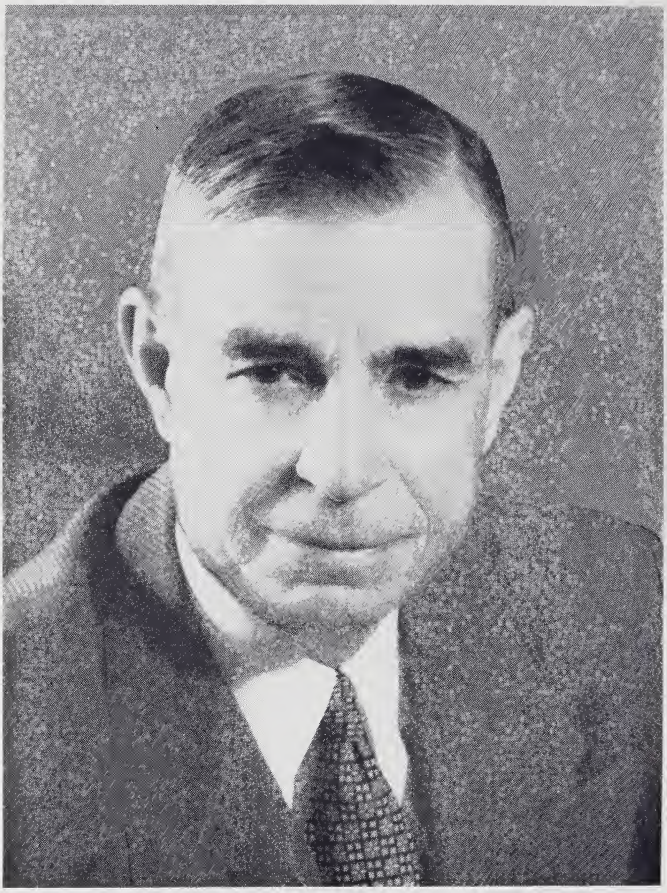

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Biography

DENNIS CHAVEZ was born in Los Chavez, Valencia County, N. Mex., April 8, 1888; attended the public schools; was graduated from the Law Department of Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., in 1920; worked as a grocer's clerk when 14 years of age and later in the engineering department of the city of Albuquerque; came to Washington in 1917 with Senator A. A. Jones and served as clerk in the Office of the Secretary of the U.S. Senate 1917–20; was admitted to the bar in 1920 and commenced practice in Albuquerque, N. Mex.; member of the State house of representatives in 1923 and 1924; member of the Democratic National Committee 1933–36; elected as a Democrat to the 72d and 73d Congresses (Mar. 4, 1931, to Jan. 3, 1935); did not seek renomination in 1934, but was an unsuccessful candidate for U.S. Senator; appointed on May 11, 1935, and elected on November 3, 1936, to the U.S. Senate to fill the vacancy in the term ending January 3, 1941, caused by the death of Bronson M. Cutting; reelected in 1940, 1946, 1952, and again in 1958, and served until his death in Washington, D.C., November 18, 1962; interment in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Albuquerque, N. Mex.

Memorial Services
for
Dennis Chavez

Proceedings in the Senate

WEDNESDAY, *January 9, 1963.*

Mr. ANDERSON. Mr. President, it is my sad duty to announce to the Senate the death on November 18, 1962, of my longtime friend and colleague, the highly respected senior Senator from New Mexico, the Honorable DENNIS CHAVEZ.

Mr. President, I submit a resolution relating to the death of Senator DENNIS CHAVEZ, of New Mexico.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The resolution will be read.

The Chief Clerk (Emory L. Frazier) read the resolution (S. Res. 7), as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of Hon. DENNIS CHAVEZ, late a Senator from the State of New Mexico.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The question is on agreeing to the resolution offered by the Senator from New Mexico.

The resolution was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Senator, I move that the Senate stand in recess until 12 o'clock noon tomorrow.

The motion was unanimously agreed to; and (at 12 o'clock and 57 minutes p.m.) the Senate took a recess until tomorrow, January 10, 1963, at 12 o'clock meridian.

THURSDAY, *January 10, 1963.*

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Kent, one of its clerks, informed the Senate that the House had adopted the following resolution (H. Res. 11), relating to the death of the late Senator DENNIS CHAVEZ, of New Mexico:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable DENNIS CHAVEZ, a Senator of the United States from the State of New Mexico.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased Senator.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Mr. SPARKMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate now stand in recess until 12 o'clock noon on Monday next.

The motion was agreed to; and (at 1 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.) the Senate took a recess until Monday, January 14, 1963, at 12 o'clock meridian.

TUESDAY, *January 15, 1963.*

The VICE PRESIDENT laid before the Senate a resolution adopted by the board of directors of the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce, New Mexico, relating to the death of the late Senator CHAVEZ, of New Mexico; ordered to lie on the table and to be printed, as follows:

Whereas the loss of DENNIS CHAVEZ, distinguished senior U.S. Senator from New Mexico has been mourned by all of the citizens of his State; and

Whereas such loss has been mourned by all who knew him, whether personally or by his outstanding contribution to his country; and

Whereas the loss of this distinguished public servant, advocate of human rights, husband and father, is felt in greatest depth by the widow of the late Senator CHAVEZ and his family: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the board of directors of the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce does hereby join Mrs. Dennis Chavez, the late Senator's family, and his many friends in mourning the loss of this truly great American; and be it

Resolved, That in mourning this loss of U.S. Senator DENNIS CHAVEZ, great recognition and tribute be given his exemplary career of public service, his continual advocacy of human rights and the dignity of man, his wisdom and foresight attested by the many facilities and programs in New Mexico and the rest of the Nation for the defense and general welfare of all Americans and his life-long tenacity in fighting for those concepts and beliefs which he held to be true and in the best interests of his Nation; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this corporation and copies delivered to Mrs. Dennis Chavez, the family, the late Senator's staff and the Secretary of the Senate of the United States.

Memorial Addresses
on
Dennis Chavez

Memorial Addresses

FRIDAY, *March 1, 1963.*

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I submit a resolution (S. Res. 104) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The resolution will be stated.

The legislative clerk read the resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That, in accordance with notice given on February 25, the legislative business of the Senate be now suspended in order that memorial addresses may be delivered, respectively, on the lives, characters, and public service of the late Senator DENNIS CHAVEZ, of New Mexico, Henry C. Dworshak, of Idaho, and Robert S. Kerr, of Oklahoma.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Without objection, the resolution is agreed to.

Mr. MONRONEY. Mr. President, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the three deceased Senators, I move that the Senate stand in adjournment until 12 o'clock noon Monday, March 4.

The motion was unanimously agreed to; and (at 5 o'clock and 17 minutes p.m.) the Senate adjourned until Monday, March 4, 1963, at 12 o'clock meridian.

Remarks by Senator Anderson

Of New Mexico

Mr. ANDERSON. Mr. President, I rise today to honor in words a man whose deeds speak far more eloquently of his dedicated service over four decades to his Nation and his State—our late colleague, Senator DENNIS CHAVEZ, a man whom I knew very well. We had associated ourselves in public affairs for some 40 years. We had campaigned together back and forth across New Mexico for 30 years. We had been colleagues in the Senate for 14 years. I can speak of him with authority, with conviction, and with deep respect.

When Senator CHAVEZ died last November 18, former President Harry S. Truman observed that he was "a good public servant, and that's about the highest thing you can say about a man."

Another measure of our colleague's devotion to the public's cause was the way in which thousands of his friends, the humble and the high, paid their final respects to DENNIS CHAVEZ when he was laid to rest in his native soil of New Mexico.

DENNIS CHAVEZ came from a family whose roots lay deep in that soil. His ancestors were Spanish and more than 300 years ago first settled in New Mexico on land granted by Philip II of Spain.

He was born on April 8, 1888, at Los Chavez, not far from Albuquerque, into an impoverished household, the oldest of eight children. He went to work as a youngster to help put bread on the family table. When his formal education had to be laid aside in order to help his family, he began the process of self-education through extensive reading, a process which continued to the very day of his death. It was years later before he was able to obtain a law degree from

Georgetown University. DENNIS CHAVEZ was 32 before he was able to hang out his lawyer's shingle in Albuquerque.

In 1920 DENNIS CHAVEZ was elected to the State legislature, where he sponsored a bill to provide free textbooks to schoolchildren, a recognition of his own love for learning. He began his service in Congress in 1931 when he was elected to the House of Representatives. He came to the Senate in 1935 and served here continuously until his death.

Mr. President, in a time when this Nation is increasingly concerned about conditions in Latin America, DENNIS CHAVEZ was one of the best of good neighbors. Perhaps that was due to his Spanish origins; perhaps it was due to the fact that New Mexico shares a common border with the northernmost of the Latin American nations. One of his landmark efforts to more closely link the United States with its hemispheric neighbors is the Pan American Highway. He strongly supported the construction of that road, and diligently sought to have the project completed. Although many difficulties remain along that road, his intentions were of the finest.

When the Ambassador of Mexico presented Senator CHAVEZ with that country's highest medal in 1961, our colleague observed that the award "was the culmination of years of effort to better relations with our vital neighbors to the south."

Mr. President, most of us in this Chamber know of the struggle Senator CHAVEZ had with his health over the last 10 years of his life. A number of years ago a large part of his stomach was removed to arrest cancer. But he remained with us, effectively working for the causes he believed in. Toward the end he underwent prolonged treatment for cancer of the throat. It became necessary for him to master the technique of speaking through a special tracheal tube. But with persistent courage that was typical of this man, he learned to use it. Although he was confined to the National Institutes of Health, Senator CHAVEZ announced that he would attend the opening of the second session of the last

Congress. And attend he did—despite a snowstorm—and we gave him a warm welcome when he appeared on the floor.

It is one of those circumstances of fate that on this day when we pay homage to DENNIS CHAVEZ, he is also to be honored by the Reserve Officers Association of the United States for his service in behalf of the military strength of this country. Had he lived, DENNIS CHAVEZ would have personally received the honor of Minuteman of 1963, but that award, which will be made tonight, regrettably will be posthumous.

As chairman of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, Senator CHAVEZ was an untiring advocate and architect in the construction of a stronger free world. The citation which will accompany the award reads in part:

> Few men have shouldered the burden of deciding the preparedness course of this Nation, and have done so with wisdom, dedication, and resultant effectiveness as has Senator CHAVEZ. The degree of our Nation's strength has been subject to his judgments. We are convinced history will demonstrate that to Senator CHAVEZ is due a goodly portion of the security every American shares today.

I only wish that Senator CHAVEZ were still here to hear those words. But I am sure, Mr. President, that he would have accepted them with characteristic modesty, for while he had achieved a degree of eminence in legislative affairs which few men do, he never lost the close touch with the people.

I well recall the evening in Albuquerque when many of DENNIS CHAVEZ' friends gathered to commemorate his 25th anniversary of service in the Senate of the United States. On that occasion it was observed of our colleague:

> He succeeded where other native sons of New Mexico have failed. He stood foursquare to every wind that blew. He has faced life with courage and fortitude. He has never lost the common touch. He has never forgotten old friends and loyalties. He has never allowed politics to interfere with the dictates of his conscience. He is an illustrious son of New Mexico.

Mr. President, Senator CHAVEZ was the devoted friend of groups in this country who sometimes found themselves

without an articulate spokesman. In a memorable statement of his fundamental faith in democracy he once declared:

> It matters little if the Congress appropriates hundreds of millions of dollars to check the erosion of the soil if we permit the erosion of our civil liberties, free institutions, and the untrammeled pursuit of truth.

DENNIS CHAVEZ, who had delivered groceries in a horse-drawn wagon to help his family, was witness to an amazing transformation of his State and helped to engineer that change. Works to control the ravages of flood, impoundments and canals to bring water to parched lands, military bases vital to the defense of freedom, highways to link rapidly growing centers of population: these are some of the markers DENNIS CHAVEZ left along the route he traveled.

It can be said that the story of DENNIS CHAVEZ is another chapter in the continuing story of America. It is a story worth the telling to the generations that succeed him.

To Mrs. Chavez and the other members of the family of Senator CHAVEZ, Mrs. Anderson and I extend our affection as we today express our reverence for his memory and our appreciation for the life he led and the contributions he made to the welfare of the people of the land he loved.

Mr. President, on behalf of the people of New Mexico, and indeed of our country, Republicans and Democrats, the rich and the poor, the high and the humble, I desire to express our thanks to Senators who participate in the expressions of tribute to our beloved Senator.

Remarks of Senator Robertson

Of Virginia

Mr. ANDERSON. Mr. President, at the time of the illness of Senator CHAVEZ, the able Senator from Virginia [Mr. Robertson] took on the great burden of handling the military appropriation bill. I yield the floor to him for his kindness to my colleague.

Mr. ROBERTSON. Mr. President, I appreciate the kindness of the senior Senator from New Mexico in yielding the floor to me at this time.

Senator CHAVEZ rendered to the Senate, to his home State, and the United States long and valuable service; and in his death, I felt a keen personal loss.

He became a Member of the House of Representatives in 1931 and a Senator in 1935. During these three decades the Congress has met many crises—the depression, World War II, Korea, the atomic age. Senator CHAVEZ contributed much to the Nation in all of these years.

Senator CHAVEZ brought to his service in the Senate a culture and courtesy for which aristocratic Spaniards have been known throughout the world, an intimate knowledge of the great Southwest, a zeal for the perpetuity of democratic institutions, and a capacity for friendship which endeared him to his colleagues.

It was a real pleasure for me to serve with him on the Senate Appropriations Committee for nearly 14 years, and especially to have been a member of the very important Subcommittee on Defense, of which in recent years he was the distinguished chairman.

Although the parents and grandparents of Senator CHAVEZ were all Republicans, he became a Democrat by conviction. All his life he was a stanch supporter of the doctrine of States rights. One of the great uncles of Senator CHAVEZ

was a colonel in the Confederate Army, and a picture of General Lee and his officers occupied a place of honor in Senator CHAVEZ' office. Because of his connections with our region, he had the particular affection of those of us who come from the Southern States.

Senator CHAVEZ was a genuine and friendly man and truly democratic in his personal contacts with everyone. We miss him.

Remarks by Senator Mechem

Of New Mexico

Mr. MECHEM. Mr. President, it is with deep conviction that I rise on behalf of the people of New Mexico and myself to express our respects and pay tribute to Senator DENNIS CHAVEZ.

It is good for us to pause, as we now do, to view with new perspective the recent past, for it is difficult to see a man such as Senator CHAVEZ, while still with us, for what he really was.

He was the very epitome of the "American dream."

Born in a dignified but poor farm family which did not speak the English language, he raised himself by sheer exercise of will to become one of the most influential and able figures in the United States.

What other nation can produce such a self-made man?

What other form of government encourages and rewards such a climb?

Senator CHAVEZ endeared himself to hundreds of thousands of New Mexicans—who felt great affection and trust—simply because he was a symbol of hope, a shining example for his fellow man.

He walked among the mighty, but he never forgot his humble roots, deep in the soil of the sunshine area of this Nation.

He was never too busy with urgent national problems to stop and give a hand to the downtrodden and friendless.

He fought all of his life for individual equality, for the equal opportunity our Constitution promises Americans of every race and creed. He knew—as we all must learn sooner or later—that only eternal and unflagging effort can make this goal come true.

This is why New Mexicans loved DENNIS CHAVEZ and returned him for more than a quarter of a century to a seat in this body.

They knew him as a faithful friend.

They knew him as a man with courage—a tough fighter.

And they knew him as a man with the human touch—a man with an open mind and a warm heart.

Remarks by Senator Kuchel

Of California

Mr. ANDERSON. Mr. President, one of the joys of Senator CHAVEZ was his close and continuing friendship with the distinguished senior Senator from California [Mr. Kuchel], the minority whip. I now yield to him.

Mr. KUCHEL. Mr. President, the sad news of the passing of the late DENNIS CHAVEZ came to me last November when I was in West Berlin as an American delegate to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Parliamentary Conference. West Berlin represents man's struggle for freedom. In a very real sense, the life of the late, respected DENNIS CHAVEZ also represented, in all its many facets, a successful struggle for freedom and for equality of opportunity in our own beloved America.

Humble product of our common soil, this gallant Christian man attained a pinnacle of responsibility in the U.S. Senate. It was he who guided through the Senate its enormous and crucial pieces of legislation designed to strengthen our country, its security, and its role of leader in the cause of freemen everywhere.

The Nation has lost the services of a great American. New Mexico has lost a distinguished son who fought the good fight, and did so successfully, for Americans of all races and creeds, and he was sustained in his fight by the proud and noble blood of Spain. His family has lost a loving and devoted husband and father; and we who were honored to know him and work with him have lost a beloved friend.

Like my colleagues in the Senate, I cherish the memory of DENNIS CHAVEZ, lawyer and statesman, great leader, loyal and devoted, possessed of an unbounded courage which carried him through all manner of crises and pain, and which sustained him to the very end.

DENNIS CHAVEZ

I served under DENNIS CHAVEZ on the Senate Committee on Public Works. If I may say so, I came to know him intimately. I remember the great public works projects which came from his committee, on their way to the White House, to become law. They were fashioned under his leadership. The good of the country was his guide. I remember all the compassion and all the sympathy which he brought, side by side, with his legislative responsibilities and power. Rich or poor, great or small, all stood equal before him and his committee. Equal treatment under law for all our people, the high American gift of liberty, and our resolute duty to maintain it, formed the basis of his official life. And as simply a human being, with his family and with his legion of friends, sweetness, generosity, and a sense of unselfish devotion and of faith ever guided him. I know, Mr. President, for a year ago, with pride, I took with me to my State of California his faith, freely and publicly given in a fashion which may well be unique in the political history of our Republic.

I treasure fond recollections of the years I spent with him here in the Senate.

With my wife, I send once again to the Chavez family, son and daughters, and particularly to his dear widow, our never-ending condolences. DENNIS CHAVEZ will live in our memory, as he will live eternally in the minds of his family and in the minds of all his many, many friends in the Senate, in his native State, and across the great breadth of America.

Remarks by Senator Ellender

Of Louisiana

Mr. ANDERSON. Mr. President, many times I have heard our late colleague, Senator CHAVEZ, speak of his affection and genuine friendship for the senior Senator from Louisiana [Mr. Ellender] and I now yield to him.

Mr. ELLENDER. Mr. President, the Senate has been most unfortunate to lose the services of Senator DENNIS CHAVEZ of New Mexico. I served beside him for many, many years on the Senate Committee on Appropriations. I knew him to be a public servant who was devoted to serving the people of his State and the country as a whole.

Senator CHAVEZ was one of the first men of Spanish extraction to come to Washington in the service of his country. He was beloved by his constituents, as can easily be seen by his long term of service in the Senate.

Senator CHAVEZ had a most difficult assignment on the Appropriations Committee of the Senate, serving as chairman of the Subcommittee on Armed Services. Well over 50 percent of all funds appropriated each year by the Congress during the last 10 years were handled by him.

Mr. President, let me add that as chairman of the Senate Committee on Public Works, he did noble work in authorizing the funds for important projects in order to assist in protecting and preserving our water and land resources. I served as chairman of the Public Works Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee, whereas his committee authorized the projects; and it was my business to see to it that the funds necessary in order to make them effective were appropriated. Therefore, we were very close, and on many occasions discussed many of these projects. I know the Senate has lost a great leader in that respect.

DENNIS CHAVEZ

I was truly saddened when I was informed of his death while I was traveling in the jungles of Africa, last year. I regret his passing; and I extend my deep sympathy to his wife and family.

Remarks by Senator Sparkman

Of Alabama

Mr. SPARKMAN. Mr. President, I want to join my colleagues in a brief tribute to our late colleague, DENNIS CHAVEZ, of New Mexico.

Before I came to Congress, I became familiar with his name. I came to know him personally when I entered Congress. He had moved from the House of Representatives to the Senate.

Shortly after coming to the Senate, I was named to the Committee on Public Works and had the privilege of serving under the chairmanship of Senator CHAVEZ. He was a wonderful chairman whom all members of the committee, Democrats and Republicans alike, respected. All the members enjoyed working on the committee under his guidance. It was also my privilege to serve under the chairmanship of Senator CHAVEZ on the Senate Office Building Commission.

I have had the pleasure of campaigning across the State of New Mexico with DENNIS CHAVEZ. I greatly enjoyed the experience of riding with him and having him point out the historic homesite of his family through many generations. Many historic sites were pointed out as we went from place to place, and many interesting stories of his own campaign experiences were related.

DENNIS CHAVEZ was a serious and hardworking public servant. He was dedicated to his work, devoted to his family, and intensely loyal to his country. I am glad to have enjoyed his friendship.

Mrs. Sparkman and I extend our sympathy to Mrs. Chavez and the other members of the family.

Remarks by Senator McClellan

Of Arkansas

Mr. McCLELLAN. Mr. President, I do not know what I can add to the eloquent tributes that have already been paid to our late departed colleague, DENNIS CHAVEZ. But I wish to express the sadness I feel at his passing.

Senator CHAVEZ and I served and worked together on the Appropriations Committee of the Senate. I also served with him for a period of time, during my early days in the Senate, on the Public Works Committee. It was a rewarding experience to serve on a committee with him. He exercised caution and care and approached his duties with sincere dedication to the welfare of the people of the United States and of the people of the State of New Mexico, whom he loved.

We in the Senate will long remember the years of service he rendered to the Nation as chairman of the Public Works Committee. Throughout this great country, projects initiated by the Public Works Committee under his leadership stand as monuments to his achievements and to the contributions he made to the welfare and progress of our Nation. Many such projects in Arkansas will serve to remind the people of my State of his important contributions to its growth and development.

He was a man of sympathy and understanding, and he was a man of courage, who continued over a period of years to discharge his duties here with distinction while enduring much pain and suffering. Many weaker men would have given up the effort and quit in such circumstances of disadvantage. But not Senator CHAVEZ. He fought on unwaveringly with a manifestation of fortitude, strength, and devotion to duty seldom matched and unexcelled, and which we might all do well to emulate.

Mrs. McClellan and I both express our deepest grief and heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Chavez and the family.

Remarks by Senator Mansfield

Of Montana

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, the Senate was deeply saddened by the death of Senator DENNIS CHAVEZ. This quiet and kindly man served in this body for nearly 30 years with distinction to himself, to his beloved State of New Mexico, and to our country. During those years, he made a great many friends and set an example for unassuming and unpretentious public service.

I pay homage to our late colleague, whose ancestors came to this country, not decades, but centuries ago. He was truly, and in the best sense, a descendent of the real first families of our country.

Senator CHAVEZ was close to his people. He was close because he remained one of them even as he rose to high office. He knew their problems. When only 13 years old, he had to leave school to contribute to the support of his seven brothers and sisters. He later worked as a newsboy and delivery boy. But he continued to study at night and later passed a special college entrance examination. With personal determination and the encouragement of his wife, he went on to earn a law degree and began his career in politics.

Because of his Spanish-American background, Senator CHAVEZ was intimately aware of the problems facing minorities in this country. His history of public service was one of constant support of his people and other minority groups. In fact, he first gained national prominence because of his leadership in support of a permanent Fair Trades Employment Commission to combat job discrimination.

Another area of special interest was that of national defense. As chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense Funds, he championed a strong military posture during the critical early years of the cold war. Both in this

position, and as chairman of the important Public Works Committee, Senator CHAVEZ left his mark on the Nation.

Yet valuable as his contributions were in these fields, his ultimate reputation will rest on his unflagging fight for human freedom and human decency. His finest hour came on this floor when he protested in simple, yet eloquent, terms against an atmosphere which he termed would have "quietly shackled the growth of men's minds." Prefacing this remark, he said:

> I should like to be remembered as the man who raised a voice * * * at a time in this history of this body when we seem bent upon placing limitations on the freedom of the individual.

I am sure that Senator DENNIS CHAVEZ would have been proud to know that a grateful Nation and constituency have accorded him this honor after death.

Mr. President, in spite of the late date of these remarks, I want to express again to Mrs. Chavez and her family, and to the people of New Mexico, the profound sympathies of Mrs. Mansfield and myself.

May his soul rest in peace.

Remarks by Senator Stennis

Of Mississippi

Mr. STENNIS. Mr. President, many Senators are admired. The late Senator CHAVEZ was not only admired, but also actually loved. I was among those who appreciated and loved him.

For almost the entire time I have been in the Senate I had the privilege of serving on a committee with him. First, I served with him on the Committee on Public Works, of which he was chairman. Later I served on the Appropriations Committee, at a time when he was chairman of the Subcommittee on Defense Appropriations.

In the brief time available to me I wish to speak of him primarily as an individual, and to laud him for his human qualities.

I think first of his unfailing kindness. He was a man of great human appreciation. He was truly a great humanitarian. Simple in his manners, sincere in his friendliness, he did not wear those qualities on some days and leave them at home on others. He had them with him at all times.

As has already been said, his name as a legislator, will forever be linked with major forward-looking and constructive legislation having to do with many subjects. I mention only a few. First, the public works program of our Nation has felt the impact of his great strength. He worked on it year in and year out. Second, our defenses and the national security of our Nation have been greatly strengthened by his attention and his unfailing effort.

Mr. President, Senator CHAVEZ sat almost within reach of me for the past 15 years. I know that he was a man of great courage, both politically and physically.

He was also a man of great gratitude. Many years ago I had an older brother who lived in New Mexico In their early days my brother and Senator CHAVEZ were friends. When

I came to the Senate, Senator CHAVEZ put his arm around me and said, "Welcome." And he really meant it. For years he went out of his way in efforts to help me or to befriend me. He encouraged me as well as others in our committee work, where he gave unfailing attention to matters that might concern me. It is one of the happy thoughts of my life that I really tried to reciprocate.

I was with Senator CHAVEZ for a week in his home State during one of his campaigns. I spoke with him in the daytime and at night. I then had an opportunity to see the real warmth of heart, the gratitude and the love exhibited there for his own people, with whom he had lived, for whom he had worked so long, and to whom he felt so dedicated. That feeling of interest, appreciation, and friendship was fortunately reciprocated by those people a thousandfold.

I wish to extend to Mrs. Chavez, who is a great friend of humanity, my feeling of utmost appreciation for her in her own character and personality. She has been a favorite of Mrs. Stennis and myself for many years.

Mrs. Stennis joins with me in this short but strongly felt tribute to a man who had a great record and a great soul. I bow with the rest of my colleagues in appreciation of his great life and work. We miss him, but we continue to love him.

Remarks by Senator Holland

Of Florida

Mr. HOLLAND. Mr. President, I wish to speak briefly about our late colleague Senator CHAVEZ, this fine man, this gentleman, this good friend whom we lost a few months ago. I speak not so much of the great work which he did—though I watched him with admiration as he did it—but more of his personal qualities.

As one who sat next to him in the Committee on Public Works for a long time, I saw his great interest and effective action in the development of our country in all those fields in which public works mean so much in developing our great Nation. He served our country loyally in that capacity. He served it greatly in the husbanding of the defense of our Nation. But it is of his personal qualities that I must speak.

First, I speak with reference to his intense interest in Latin America. Along with him, and after him, I had some small interest in the Inter-American Highway and in those nations which, as he believed intensely, that highway would enable to develop to much greater heights of independence, of security for their people, and of advanced living standards. We talked of that field many times. His compassion toward those weaker Latin American neighbors I shall always remember.

When I made several visits to that area, I found that he was beloved in that area as few Americans probably ever have been beloved there. It is my feeling that somehow and in some way, when the highway is completed—as it will shortly be—we should find an opportunity, in conjunction with our friendly neighbors who are so greatly affected by that highway, to memorialize Senator CHAVEZ' great interest and effective participation in moving ahead with that development.

The second thing I wish to speak about is his friendship, his comradely qualities, on trips when we were together. I remember one trip we took to the Columbia Basin and to Alaska. I believe his distinguished colleague [Mr. Anderson] was there with another committee at the same time, and we happened to see each other briefly. I recall that the distinguished Senator from Mississippi [Mr. Stennis], who has just spoken, was a member of Senator CHAVEZ' committee, and went with us on the trip I mentioned.

Not only was he intensely interested in all public works going on there—and that was at a time when Alaska was a territory, and there was perhaps even more interest then than now in providing the public works required to gain greater stature—but also he knew the background of each project, wherever we went, in a way which was amazing to me. I found the people there very grateful for his continuing interest in their development.

Again it is about a personal thing I wish to speak. When we were ready to come home—we were living at the officers club on Elmendorf Air Force Base—he told me he had to find a way to bring some flowers to Mrs. Chavez. He left us that morning and later showed up at the plane with a great paper package of the flowers of Alaska, much bigger than similar flowers in this more southern latitude. He brought sweet peas and pansies. We kidded him all the way home, and it took 18 hours on the plane, for we came by way of Rapid City. He made sure that those flowers stayed moist and were in as nearly perfect condition as possible when he delivered them to his good wife, whom he loved so dearly.

I think I shall always remember him best for that indication of the deep affection and undying love which he felt for his wife and family.

Mrs. Holland and I will always grieve because of his passing, and we want his widow and children and the other members of his family to know that they have our deep and affectionate sympathy.

Remarks by Senator Kefauver

Of Tennessee

Mr. KEFAUVER. Mr. President, the late Senator CHAVEZ had many, many friends in Tennessee, and I am proud that I could count myself among them.

When DENNIS first came to Washington, he worked as a clerk in the same Senate office as one of my fellow Tennesseans, Pride Tomlinson, who later became a justice of the Tennessee Supreme Court. We talked very frequently of his relationships with Justice Tomlinson and many mutual friends in Tennessee.

Senator CHAVEZ was also admired by many in my State because of his concern with resource development in the Tennessee Valley. As chairman of the Public Works Subcommittee of the Committee on Appropriations, he conducted many hearings on the annual budget for the Tennessee Valley Authority. He was always fair and just.

It was a great privilege for me to serve with him on the Appropriations Committee. He was never too busy to talk with any younger Member of the Senate or the House about any problem, and always was willing to help them if he possibly could.

In the passing of Senator CHAVEZ, the Nation has lost a genuine humanitarian, a very effective Member of Congress, and a great statesman. We have all lost a wonderful friend.

Mrs. Kefauver and I extend our deepest sympathies to Mrs. Chavez and to all members of his family.

Remarks by Senator Cooper

Of Kentucky

Mr. COOPER. Mr. President, I had the opportunity to serve under the late Senator CHAVEZ on the Committee on Public Works for a number of years, and I admired and respected him.

I do not think it is necessary for me to dwell upon his work as a member of and chairman of that committee, or upon the service he rendered our country as chairman of the Subcommittee on Defense Appropriations. Yet the country should know that his work as chairman of the Subcommittee on Defense Appropriations contributed greatly to the defense and security of our Nation.

As a member of the Committee on Public Works, I know that his leadership had much to do with the development of our Interstate Highway System, and the growth of the Federal-State system. As the Senator From Florida [Mr. Holland] has truly said, it was his initiative and his persistent support which has made possible the Inter-American Highway.

There were many things which made all of us respect and love DENNIS CHAVEZ. It always seemed to me that among his many unusual qualities three were joined—his dignity, his simplicity, and his courage.

Early in my service in the Senate I had occasion to visit his home city of Albuquerque, N. Mex., in 1947. There I found him exactly the same in his own city, among his own people, as we knew him in the Senate. He was loved and respected by the people of his State, by those who had known him throughout the years.

His dignity and simplicity were always evident in the Senate. His dignity led him to express his pride in his ancestry—the fact that his family was among the first of those who lived as the new Americans upon this continent. Yet always

he spoke the greater pride that he was an American and a citizen of the United States.

We also admired his dignity and his courage in those latter days when all of us knew of his illness. Again and again he came to the Senate and to the committees, and until the very last he was engaged in the work of the Senate.

He had great dignity, great simplicity, and great courage. We have noted these same characteristics, in the members of his family, in Mrs. Chavez and his children. I shall always remember DENNIS CHAVEZ as a friend, and for his qualities of courage and dignity.

Remarks by Senator Bible

Of Nevada

Mr. BIBLE. Mr. President, DENNIS CHAVEZ, one of the three great Senators who have recently passed to their reward, and who today we eulogize, was a stalwart defender of the highest traditions of this great body. Significantly, he, as did the others, had a humble beginning. He plodded industriously to scale the ladder of success, and if there is any validity to the term "a self-made man," the appellation would fit him whose memory we honor today.

DENNIS CHAVEZ was truly a man of the people. His unswerving devotion to the cause of his constituents was a testimony to his depth of feeling and understanding. He was a fierce fighter for the underdog, and his more than a quarter of a century in the U.S. Senate is studded with instances where he did battle for those he felt needed his voice, his courage, and his implacable dedication to justice.

The people of New Mexico loved DENNIS CHAVEZ. DENNIS CHAVEZ loved the people whom he served. The Senate has benefited immeasurably from the presence in this Chamber of Senator DENNIS CHAVEZ. He has left the mortal scene; yet he has left an imprint on this body which will not be eroded with the passage of time.

Remarks by Senator Johnston

Of South Carolina

Mr. JOHNSTON. Mr. President, all the Nation does, and should, feel the loss of the late distinguished senior Senator from New Mexico, DENNIS CHAVEZ. My acquaintance with this man began long ago, when I first came to the Senate. DENNIS CHAVEZ befriended me when we served together on the Post Office and Civil Service Committee, and we remained close throughout the years. Working with him in committee and in the Senate afforded me an opportunity to know him well, and witness firsthand his distinguished service to his State and Nation, his unfailing courteousness and kindness to every person he met.

His great mark was the quiet, easygoing manner in which he went about his work in the Senate. Never loud or boisterous in his endeavors, he won support for himself and his causes through the power of sincerity of purpose and friendship.

As chairman of the Senate Public Works Committee, DENNIS CHAVEZ was endlessly helpful in passing authorizations for projects vital to South Carolina's development. There is hardly a county in my State that has not benefited from legislation he fostered as chairman of the Public Works Committee.

Extremely dedicated to public service, even his painful illness did not stop him from attending to his business in the Senate. He was loyal and sincere, and lived and died a friend of the people.

At all times he was trying to do something that would make life easier for the people of this Nation. Long will he be remembered and loved by all who were fortunate enough to have known and worked with him.

Mrs. Johnston and I feel the loss of DENNIS CHAVEZ, and we sympathize with Mrs. Chavez and his family in the loss of

this great family man, for he was, in the true sense of the word, very close to his family and thought of them on every occasion. For that reason we all must admire him.

At this time our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Chavez in the loss of her fine husband.

Remarks by Senator Humphrey

Of Minnesota

Mr. HUMPHREY. Mr. President, during time of war we honor those Americans who give their lives for their country on the field of battle. We honor such men, and justly so. Today we have come together to honor three Members of the U.S. Senate who have passed away. But I think it is entirely fitting and proper that we consider the death of Senator CHAVEZ, Senator Kerr, and Senator Dworshak as representing the ultimate sacrifice these outstanding Americans have made for their country.

As every colleague in this Chamber well knows, the task of fulfilling the responsibilities of a U.S. Senator with fidelity and devotion demands a total commitment of time and energy. The Senators we honor today certainly made such a commitment. I am quite confident that their unrelenting expenditure of themselves in the service of their country and their States will stand as their supreme sacrifice.

At the time of his passing, the senior Senator from New Mexico, Mr. CHAVEZ, was the fourth-ranking Senator in terms of seniority. Only the Senator from Arizona [Mr. Hayden], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. Russell], and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. Byrd] served for a longer period of years.

I know that other Senators have already commented upon the details of Senator CHAVEZ' career. I wish to emphasize only the highlights. The citizens of his State gave him their stamp of approval no less than seven times by electing him twice to the House of Representatives and five times to the Senate. This constitutes the highest degree of approval from those persons best qualified to pass judgment.

During his long years of service among us, the Senator from New Mexico rose to two positions of great importance in this body—chairman of the Committee on Public Works and chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on the De-

partment of Defense. Both these duties carried great pressures and responsibilities but the Senator from New Mexico executed his duties with wisdom, justice, and efficiency. The words of praise that we speak today will endure for the ages; they will be read by historians and students of government. But the true monuments to the Senator from New Mexico will be the strength of this Nation's defenses that he always sought; and the dams, irrigation systems, and harbors that protect our people from destruction and create areas of profitable farming from the arid deserts. Protecting our Nation, saving lives, and creating life are accomplishments that will perpetually do honor to the Senator from New Mexico.

I know his colleagues also share the greatest admiration and respect for the tremendous courage displayed by the Senator from New Mexico during the last years of his life. His tenacious determination to continue his service despite the gravest illness will never be forgotten.

This Nation has truly sustained a great loss with the passing of Senator CHAVEZ, Senator Kerr, and Senator Dworshak. The Senator from Minnesota wishes to convey his personal sympathy to the families of these great Americans who are present with us today.

Remarks by Senator Young

Of Ohio

Mr. YOUNG. Mr. President, while the Senate was in adjournment, death came to one of our most beloved and honored colleagues, a man whose memory will shine brightly and enduringly in the minds of Americans everywhere. I know of no Senator who was held in greater affection than DENNIS CHAVEZ.

Indeed, Mr. President, I am sure that each of us feels keenly and in a deep personal sense the absence of our late colleague, Senator DENNIS CHAVEZ, of New Mexico. It can truly be said of him that he lived with an abiding faith in the democratic process which he zealously guarded. By doing so, he provided a ringing affirmation of our way of life in this age of challenge. He said in 1960, in answer to critics when a subcommittee of which he was chairman recommended the appropriation of $1 billion more for defense than President Eisenhower had requested, "There can be no price tag on freedom."

A sense of dedication to his office and the people he represented illuminated his nearly 28 years of fruitful service in the U.S. Senate and his almost 4 years of service in the U.S. House of Representatives.

To us who knew him well DENNIS CHAVEZ was a generous, warm, and understanding, gentle man. Above all, he was a fighter for the causes in which he believed. Possibly because of his own Spanish heritage, and certainly because he knew the needs of our neighbors to the south, he was one of the earliest supporters of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's good-neighbor policy. More recently he was one of the great champions of President Kennedy's Alliance for Progress.

Senator DENNIS CHAVEZ in many respected was a very predictable man. He was always with the underdog. He

was for the little fellows whether they were struggling farmers fighting debts, drought, and low farm prices; underprivileged and forgotten American Indians; or workingmen seeking to better their lot and provide a more secure future for their children. At all times he was the champion of the poor and the humble, a fervent advocate of our Nation's defense, a protector of our national resources, and a voice for the oppressed.

Though a most lovable and friendly man, he was a resolute and unyielding battler from his early manhood to the time of his death for the principles and causes in which he believed. He served his country well.

He exemplified the spirit of individual courage and conviction, which, unfortunately, is more and more becoming absent in American life. As he took his position in the frontline of combat for his cause, he never looked behind to count the supporting troops. He cared not if there were many or there were none, but moved forward in the just belief of the rightness of his cause.

About 30 years ago I first served with him in the House of Representatives. I was Representative at large from Ohio, and he was then a very well known Representative from New Mexico. I became acquainted with him at that time.

Upon being elected to the Senate in 1958, I requested that I be appointed to serve on the Committee on Public Works, of which he was chairman. I knew within a few weeks, when we began holding hearings, that DENNIS CHAVEZ was a great chairman of that vital committee. I considered myself fortunate in serving with him and in being associated with him. No one served under him; we served in association with him.

He was good to me, and I followed the advice that he gave me. I was glad as a member of that committee to follow the leadership of DENNIS CHAVEZ. It will always be a happy personal recollection of mine that some time later I was permitted to accompany him on a study mission of all

the Central American countries. It was a thrilling experience to see the affection and love with which the leaders of these proud Latin American countries greeted him, particularly for the part he played in their receiving the great public works projects and public roads that were built in part through the generosity of the people of the United States. I hope that some appropriate plaques will be placed there by the governing officials of Nicaragua, Guatemala, and the other Central American countries.

Our Nation will miss Senator DENNIS CHAVEZ. He was my close personal friend. I feel a deep personal loss at his passing. He was, as I said, a great, good man, and he will be remembered by all of us who served with him or knew him.

Quite frequently, even now, from my seat in the Chamber I look over to the desk that he occupied. I still expect to see him sitting there. I feel a twinge of sadness because he is no longer with us.

To his lovely wife, Imelda, to his two beautiful and extremely talented daughters, Mrs. George Dixon and Mrs. Jorge Tristani, and to his son, Dennis Chavez, Jr., we express our deepest sympathy. Senator DENNIS CHAVEZ was one of the noblest men ever to be sent from the great West to serve his country in the House of Representatives and in the Senate of the United States.

Remarks by Senator Yarborough

Of Texas

Mr. YARBOROUGH. Mr. President, Senator DENNIS CHAVEZ was my trusted personal friend. He aided me in my efforts to come to the Senate. I shall miss him, and I do miss him. He is a friend of the State of Texas. He was a friend to the people. He was regarded as "their Senator" by the nearly 1½ million Spanish-speaking people of Texas. He was called El Paso's third Senator. As chairman of the Public Works Committee and third ranking Senator on the Appropriations Committee, he proved that he was a friend to all the navigation and reclamation progress of Texas. But, in a wider field, Senator CHAVEZ was a broadminded friend of all Americans, of all people. He was a Senator, not for New Mexico alone, but for all Americans.

The Albuquerque Journal, on November 19, 1962, stated about Senator CHAVEZ:

> But, overall, Senator CHAVEZ will be remembered as the true friend and defender of the poor man. He never wavered in his long senatorial career of more than 27 years in battling for legislation that benefited the people who need help.
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> Senator CHAVEZ knew well what was poverty. He was born in poverty, but of rugged, honest, and humble stock. His strong and persevering character was molded early in life when he strove valiantly for an education. He won that uphill contest as since he has won other battles, politics or otherwise, in which he became engaged.
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> He was tenacious and never compromising in fighting for what he thought was right. As any man in public office, he had his political foes. But never did such political differences prod the Senator into other than ethical conduct.
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> As the Senator's career extended into the years his seniority enabled him to wield great influence on powerful committees which went far toward giving New Mexico its rightful share of appropriations covering many types of governmental projects, including military and defense installations.

In the field of racial and cultural relations the Senator was always a dominant and effective figure on the side of tolerance.

The Senator's long and heroic fight for life, while enduring great suffering after he had been stricken with cancer, followed the pattern of his whole career in never yielding without a fight to the finish.

We could sum up Senator CHAVEZ' outstanding characteristics with this: He had the human touch.

The Senator's passing is a distinct and distressing loss to his family and the State and his country.

Our sincere condolences to the Chavez family in their time of great sorrow.

Mr. President, this editorial, a sincere and stirring tribute to a great man, expresses my view. May the memory of this great life console the loving family he leaves behind.

Remarks by Senator Gore

Of Tennessee

Mr. GORE. Mr. President, the tributes paid to the late Senator DENNIS CHAVEZ today are appropriate and well deserved. I have never known a senior Senator of this body to be more generous and more helpful to a very junior Member than Senator CHAVEZ was with me as a new Member of this body. Senator CHAVEZ, then chairman of the Public Works Committee, made me chairman of the Public Roads Subcommittee. It would have been easy for him to exercise the power of chairman, to take the leadership in the enactment of the superhighway program. Instead, he referred it to the subcommittee.

As chairman of the full committee, he accorded to me the full support and the full confidence of which he was capable—and this was powerful. This program ultimately came to enactment and is now the largest public works program in the history of the world.

Not only did Senator CHAVEZ demonstrate generosity and comradeship to me, but this was the pattern of his conduct toward all members of the Committee on Public Works. A man possessed of great ability, enormous capacity for loyalty, and devotion to friendship, DENNIS CHAVEZ also possessed an unusual degree of moral, political, and physical courage. Many of his colleagues recall his appearance on the floor of the Senate after many months of suffering and travail, rigors which might have discouraged men of lesser faith and courage. He rose in the Senate and spoke representing the people of New Mexico. I thrilled at this demonstration, a demonstration of indomitable spirit.

DENNIS CHAVEZ loved life, and he loved it to its fullest. He loved his friends and his family, and they in turn loved him in full measure.

To his wife, who was ever constant and ever loving, and to his children, I extend sympathy and condolence, but also I extend to them congratulations for having been the wife and the children of a great husband and father.

Remarks by Senator Engle

Of California

Mr. ENGLE. Mr. President, when Senator CHAVEZ died last November, the State of New Mexico lost a devoted servant, and the Nation lost a steadfast defender of human rights.

DENNIS CHAVEZ was born to poverty in New Mexico. He was truly and in every sense of the world a self-made man. He made himself what he was—a great, strong American. He was the first American of Spanish origin to serve in the Congress of the United States. He served 2 years in the House of Representatives and 27 years, until his death, in the U.S. Senate.

He was loved by Spanish-speaking people all over the world, especially in this country, and particularly in California, where there are 1,750,000 Spanish-Americans who live in Los Angeles and in other areas of the State.

He was an authentic hero to the Mexican people, in every sense of the word. He gave them hope, he gave them encouragement, and he gave them dedication. For more than three decades, Senator CHAVEZ dedicated himself to the needs of the underprivileged and those who are discriminated against.

He was a quiet, soft-spoken man; but when our civil liberties were threatened, he could speak with great eloquence and vigor. Senator CHAVEZ will long be remembered for a statement he made on the floor of the Senate in 1950. It has been alluded to before. It appears in the tribute to Senator CHAVEZ in the House, some weeks ago. Our distinguished majority leader [Mr. Mansfield] referred to that statement. He did not read all of it. I should like to read the entire statement of Senator CHAVEZ:

I should like to be remembered as the man who raised a voice—and I devoutly hope not a voice in the wilderness—at a time in the

history of this body when we seem bent upon placing limitations on the freedom of the individual. I would consider all the legislation which I have supported meaningless if I were to sit idly by, silent, during a period which may go down in history as an era when we permitted the curtailment of our liberties, a period when we quietly shackled the growth of men's minds.

That is one of the greatest and most eloquent statements ever made on the floor of the U.S. Senate.

Some time ago the late beloved Robert Frost said that he thought the people should be more patriotic than partisan. Senator CHAVEZ was a good example of this philosophy. As chairman of the Committee on Public Works and of the Subcommittee on Defense Appropriations, he held a position of great influence and power in the Senate. However, he did not use that advantage for selfish political or sectional purposes. His country always came first.

DENNIS CHAVEZ served his State and his Nation with distinction. His colleagues will never cease to miss him on the floor of the Senate. The people of New Mexico will never forget him. As a personal friend, I will never forget him.

I am proud today to join with Senators who are paying tribute to a man whom we loved and respected, the tribute to the service he rendered to his country.

Lou and I extend our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy to the wonderful members of his family, who are in the gallery today, most especially to the wonderful lady, Mrs. Chavez, who stood by him all the years of his life and during his public service.

Remarks by Senator McCarthy

Of Minnesota

Mr. McCARTHY. Mr. President, we who knew Senator DENNIS CHAVEZ in his late years as a Member of the Senate knew him primarily as a man dedicated to the Senate and particularly to the work of the committees on which he served. We knew him as one who was ever ready to help the other Members of the Senate, especially those of us who were new in this body.

At the time of his death, it was noted by commentators that few Members of Congress were more closely identified with the States which they represent than was Senator CHAVEZ, of New Mexico. Born at Los Chavez, Valencia County, N. Mex., he was of Spanish ancestry and became a spokesman in Washington not only for his State but also for Spanish-speaking Americans in the United States, in Puerto Rico, and in the countries of Latin America.

As a Senator, he was a quiet and efficient workman, and served long and skillfully as a legislative and political technician. He was more than a technician.

It is my opinion that Senator CHAVEZ will be best and longest remembered, at least in public life, for two public positions which he took during the course of his long Senate career. One of these in political terms might be described as a popular one, in the sense that it might be charged that it might have gained him votes. The other position was, at the time, a most unpopular one, with respect to public attitudes of the time.

Senator CHAVEZ was the first sponsor of fair employment practices legislation during World War II. This was the popular position.

He was among the first to issue a clear warning 13 years ago of the dangers to America in unjustified charges regarding disloyalty and security.

His battle for fair employment practices legislation was unsuccessful, so far as obtaining the passage of specific legislation was concerned, although his effort came very close to success. This early effort brought the issue to the front, and the demonstration of support provided a base upon which modern civil rights legislation has been developed.

The second great public position for which he should be remembered was, at the time, for him and for every man in public life a most unpopular and dangerous one.

In a speech delivered on the floor of the Senate on May 12, 1950, Senator CHAVEZ warned against the dangers of demagoguery in America.

That was a time when there had been raised in this country voices of discord and voices of misunderstanding and mistrust. It was a time when voices of accusation and suspicion were heard in many quarters. It was a time when truth—which should be honored and guarded—had been redesigned and contracted by some; it was a time when many were called upon to prove in the marketplace whether truth was more effective than falsehood; a time when doubts which should be isolated, guarded against, and contained had been expanded; a time when words, which should be cherished instruments of communication and repositories of meaning and thought, had been misapplied and misused; a time of confusion, agitation, and appeals to the emotions. All of them had been developed in their full force and flow. It was a time when patriotism, which should be the badge and shield of honor, was being forged into a weapon to be used against all who might disagree with one. It was a time when unwarranted and unjustified appeals to religion, to support a political position, were being used to serve ignoble aims and objectives. In that speech, Senator CHAVEZ stated the simple fact, "My ancestors brought the cross to this hemisphere"; and he denounced those who, as he stated, were "using this cross as a club." That was a time when betrayal, the greatest natural fault which could be charged against a fellow man, was freely charged; and it was a time when

"treason"—the last word which should be used against a good man—was readily on the tongues of many.

Under those circumstances, DENNIS CHAVEZ stood and spoke for all America and for the dignity and value of every man. That action, together with his actions in the area of fair employment practices, indicated, in my judgment, in broad strokes the real measure of the character and the contributions of DENNIS CHAVEZ to the U.S. Senate and to the United States.

Remarks by Senator Gruening

Of Alaska

Mr. GRUENING. Mr. President, with a heavy heart at the loss of our beloved colleague, DENNIS CHAVEZ, I wish to join in the tributes to him and to his great service both as a public servant and as a citizen.

Much has been said and much will be said about his public service in the 32 years—nearly one-third of a century—during which he served in the Congress, 28 of them in the Senate. Those services, numerous and important, deserve permanent chronicling for which a trained historian, a qualified biographer, could find no better subject. I have no doubt that this recording will be made.

I can think of no better project for the University of New Mexico than to turn some of its political scientists to work on such an assignment, for no man from New Mexico ever served as long in the Congress as did DENNIS CHAVEZ, and few men from any State have served so long through a period of such great change and such import in the history of our Nation and in the history of the world.

Occupying—as Senator CHAVEZ did in the latter years of his life—the extremely important positions of chairman of the Public Works Committee and chairman of perhaps the most important subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee, that dealing with the Department of Defense, it would be inevitable that he would contribute importantly to national policy. He did contribute importantly to our internal economy, through the multitude of public works and highways, river and harbor developments, public buildings, and power dams—all these great contributions to our national economy and growth which recently have received the appelation of infrastructure. No less important were the tremendous achievements, for which he was in a large measure responsible, in strengthening the defenses of our Nation by

providing adequate appropriations, and thus not only preserving our own liberties, but also striking telling blows, in behalf of all mankind, for both the nations that are free and want to remain free, and also those whose people were emerging from colonialism or were seeking to escape totalitarianism and wished to be free.

It is probable that few men had so great an opportunity to serve effectively in the national interests, both at home and abroad, as did DENNIS CHAVEZ; and he served effectively. The results of his attitudes and actions will be indelibly inscribed in the history of our country's growth, progress, and strength.

Others will develop fully, I have no doubt, these aspects of DENNIS CHAVEZ' illustrious career. As I said, I hope his public service, as well as his fruitful and happy private life, from its humble origins, will be made the subject of a book-length biography.

What I would like to stress, however, are the outstanding traits which I think above all distinguished DENNIS CHAVEZ among his fellow men. Those traits were his personal kindliness, his warm human sympathy, his friendliness, and his helpfulness. They were inevitably part of his love of his fellow men, his feelings for the common man, his sympathy for the underprivileged, the poor, the needy, the sick, the disadvantaged, the victims of any kind of discrimination. In his early days he had experienced poverty and want, and he could understand the problems of those who had similarly undergone the experiences and trials of humble surroundings.

His kindliness was, of course, notable to his colleagues, and particularly to those newcomers to the Senate who needed the cooperation, friendly assistance, and guidance of those who, like DENNIS CHAVEZ, had both the experience and the position and power to be helpful.

I, myself, recall most gratefully some of these experiences. I wish to recall, in the first place, DENNIS CHAVEZ's great help to the cause of statehood for both Alaska and Hawaii. It could scarcely be otherwise with one so deeply imbued with

basic American principles, especially the most basic American principle—that of Government by consent of the governed. He was old enough to remember when New Mexico was a territory; and both his personal recollections and his knowledge of American history made crystal clear to him that the disadvantageous status of being a territory was not one that could permanently be consistent with the basic aspirations and professions of America. So he vigorously supported statehood for Alaska and Hawaii—in which, I may say, the other Senator from New Mexico [Mr. Anderson] was also a tremendous force, having led the fight on more than one occasion, and also in seeing it through to a successful conclusion. Indeed, DENNIS CHAVEZ supported every worthy cause, every cause that made life better and nobler for his fellow men.

I recall another episode for which we Alaskans must be and are grateful. In Alaska we have a unique episode related to the Matanuska Valley, which was the scene of a project in 1935 initiated with the imagination characteristic of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. When I first saw him at Hyde Park, in September 1934, just prior to my appointment as the first Director of the Division of Territories and Island Possessions of the Department of the Interior, President Roosevelt reviewed the conditions and needs of our outlying areas over whose Federal relations this newly created Federal agency would have jurisdiction. In regard to Alaska he said:

> Alaska needs more people and we should also do what we can to stimulate agriculture there.

He recommended that the following spring a thousand people be moved from our stricken agricultural areas, victims of the dust bowl droughts and other natural calamities, and be given a chance to start life anew on "the last frontier."

One of the problems which these settlers faced was that of developing their farm economy. They did so by starting a dairy industry. They were encouraged to do that when, 5 years after their settlement in the Matanuska Valley, in

1935, defense belatedly came to Alaska, and Fort Richardson and Elmendorf Field, Army and Air Force installations, respectively, were established near Anchorage. It was then that encouragement was given to the farmers to develop their dairy herds and supply the military, furnishing not only a market and a livelihood for the settlers, but helping to develop the economy of Alaska and getting the military to use healthful locally produced dairy products.

Our congressional delegation, my colleague Bob Bartlett, and I, however, found that for some reason or other the quartermaster department of the military preferred to import reconstituted milk from the other States, which, upon investigation, proved to be grade C milk with a high bacterial content. An effort to change this by buying locally produced fresh milk met with firm opposition from the military purchasing authorities. My colleague and I appeared before the Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee of which Senator CHAVEZ was the chairman. He was presiding on that occasion. After we had testified, his attention was called to a pertinent aspect of this issue, which was that the officers on the bases were furnished with grade A fresh milk but the rank and file received the reconstituted grade C milk with the high bacterial content. That was enough for DENNIS CHAVEZ. He promptly espoused the cause which we were supporting and provided that in the subcommittee's report, the Army and Air Force were ordered to give the GI's precisely the same treatment that the officers were getting.

I think this example is illustrative, and there are many others which could be cited, of DENNIS CHAVEZ' great feeling not merely for the rank and file, but for equality—political, social, and economic—of all Americans.

One aspect of DENNIS CHAVEZ' life was unique in the Senate. Being of Spanish origin and of Mexican descent during the period of Mexican independence, he naturally had warm feelings for our neighbors to the south. He represented the people of that culture in the Southwest with a warmth and

understanding which did much to improve and strengthen our relations with our southern neighbor.

I recall what a magnificent contribution he made during the first meeting of the Interparliamentary Union with Mexico 2 years ago, at Guadalajara. He could and did speak as a representative of both the Anglo-Saxon and Hispanic cultures, and his democratic ways, kindliness, and knowledge of our neighbor's ways, contributed greatly to the success of this important new undertaking, which was designed to strengthen the bonds of our two neighboring republics. In this respect, as in many others, his place cannot be filled.

And so we shall miss him—but say to his family, in offering our deep, heartfelt condolences, that he has left them a legacy of which all of them, and his children's children, and their children, through the coming generations may always be proud.

Remarks by Senator Pell

Of Rhode Island

Mr. PELL. Mr. President, I rise to add my few words to those that have already been expressed. I knew Senator CHAVEZ well enough to admire him as a leader. He was a fine and honorable man who exemplified courage and an inspiring concern for his fellow men.

I did not know Senator CHAVEZ as long or as well as I would have liked. But I knew him well enough to admire him as a brave and fine man who exemplified the practice of courage. He was a fighter for what he thought was right, and a crusader for civil liberties. He worked hard and successfully for the welfare of his native State and was its great benefactor.

He combined the fire and spirit of his distinguished forebears with a very real concern for his fellow man.

To my mind, he demonstrated triumph of spirit over body. I extend my condolences to his family who, indeed, can and should be very proud of him.

Remarks by Senator Dirksen

Of Illinois

Mr. DIRKSEN. Mr. President, after the adjournment of the 87th Congress every Member of the Senate was shocked when the news came that one of the most lovable and best loved Members of this body was summoned on the final roll-call to that vast confraternity in the domain of eternal rest.

When I first met DENNIS CHAVEZ in the 73d Congress in 1933—which as you will note is 30 years ago—I was deeply impressed by the fact that a somewhat weatherbeaten Spanish-speaking citizen from distant New Mexico should be among the lawmakers of the Nation. This was, perhaps, hard testimony to the fact that I was not a very well traveled citizen in those days.

He intrigued me immensely, and I made it a special point to cultivate his friendship. That friendship soon ripened into an affection which continued to grow with the years and continued without interruption through our long association in both the House and the Senate.

It must have been a rugged and determined spirit which brought him across country to the Nation's Capital, which carried him through a law school course, which brought him to the U.S. Senate as a clerk, which took him back to New Mexico to establish a law practice, which impelled him to successfully seek a place in the legislature of his State, which later made him successful in his first bid for a seat in the House of Representatives and which finally brought him to the U.S. Senate, where he served for more than a quarter of a century. Few members of this body had so varied, so successful, and so influential a career.

His contributions to the Nation in the field of national defense and public works were notable indeed and what comfort and pride his family can find in that record.

I have said before that to me he was an amazing person. Consider for a moment the long affliction which kept him in the hospital; his determined struggle to survive and continue in the public service; his long handicap for expression and how frustrating it must have been on many an occasion when the spirit cried for expression but the physical instrument for expression could not respond. Seldom will one see such tenacity for life and for the purpose of carrying on the work which he began when his congressional career was first established.

I have said of him on many occasions that he was one of the most colorful people I ever knew. This one can quickly define from the variety of his service, his great popularity in Spanish speaking lands where he engendered good will for his own country; his campaigns in a bilingual State—all these made him a truly colorful person.

I said he was so deeply beloved. It was that spirit of helpfulness which was always evident in him and one of his great attributes that endeared him to his colleagues. I for one must confess a deep debt of gratitude to him for the generous way in which he dealt with a number of measures in which I had an abiding interest.

Today in reverent tribute I salute his service and his spirit. That service was long and devoted. The spirit was humble and helpful and he shall always be enshrined in our remembrance. So across the months since the eternal finger touched him into eternal sleep, let me say buenas noches, gentle friend.

Remarks by Senator Smith

Of Maine

Mrs. SMITH. Mr. President, it was my privilege to serve on the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense during the time that Senator DENNIS CHAVEZ was the chairman of that subcommittee.

I saw him in action. No Senator was ever more dedicated to his duties and to his country's defense and national security than DENNIS CHAVEZ in his untiring efforts as chairman of that subcommittee.

Several years ago when a move was made to unseat Senator CHAVEZ because of alleged irregularities in a New Mexico election, I was one of five Republican Senators voting against unseating him. I did not see how we could single out Senator CHAVEZ when in the very same election New Mexico had given a majority to President Eisenhower and elected a Republican Governor.

I have spoken of how the late Senator Robert S. Kerr, even though he was a Democrat, offered campaign contributions to me in 1954 and 1960 and desired that I be reelected.

I know that Senator CHAVEZ felt that way too. It is not important that he felt that way about me—the importance is that he was not controlled by narrow political partisanship. I am sure that had I asked him for a letter of endorsement of my candidacy for reelection in 1960 he would have unhesitatingly given it to me even though we were of opposite political parties.

For he did that very thing in 1962 for the Republican assistant leader in the Senate—the senior Senator from California. This was an act of considerable political courage—an act of political statesmanship.

But it was typical of DENNIS CHAVEZ.

Political courage was one of the many outstanding traits of Senator CHAVEZ. He had it in abundance. One of the many times that he demonstrated that courage was back in 1950 when our Nation was plagued with a mental sickness in which neighbor began to distrust neighbor—in which name-calling became the vogue of the day—in which the Senate was debased with unrestrained vilification and character assassination—when there was a silence of fear that almost completely paralyzed the Senate—and when heretofore leaders became mental mutes afraid to speak their minds lest they commit political suicide.

It was back in those fear-ridden days of 1950 that DENNIS CHAVEZ risked political suicide and with extraordinary political courage declared his moral conscience against the tactics that had gripped the Senate.

If DENNIS CHAVEZ is remembered by historians for any one act above all other acts on his part, I am confident that it will be this.

Remarks by Senator Pastore

Of Rhode Island

Mr. PASTORE. Mr. President, one of my first friends, as a new Senator in these Halls, was the gracious DENNIS CHAVEZ, of New Mexico. His was a chivalry of true Spanish origin with the humility of a man who loved America as he cherished his own State as the Land of Enchantment, where out of his earliest responsibilities he fashioned his own opportunities.

Out of his own memories of difficult days, it was the character of DENNIS CHAVEZ to befriend the friendless. Out of his own boyhood experience of insecurity, he demanded that his land be secure and strong. Out of a preeminence in statesmanship earned and proved in this Senate, he was understanding and generous to the newcomer.

DENNIS CHAVEZ could be restrained on this floor with the eloquence of a man who did his homework and knew whereof he spoke. DENNIS CHAVEZ could be eloquent on this floor with the indignation of a man who hated chicanery and pretense.

And my friend from New Mexico could be courteous to my friends—and to my family as he was and would be to yours—and leave them all with the lovely impress that our Senate must, indeed, be a courtly place, for men like DENNIS CHAVEZ made it so.

There was a pleasure in serving here with him. There is a sadness since these Halls will know him no more. May he rest in peace.

Remarks by Senator Carlson

Of Kansas

Mr. CARLSON. Mr. President, one of the first Members I met when I came to the U.S. Senate in 1950 was DENNIS CHAVEZ. I shall never forget his first statement to me. He said, "You and I represent States from the great West and Southwest and I am sure we will be working together."

One of the real joys of working with the Senator was the fact that he knew and understood the problems of that area and the people.

We were associated in many public works programs for the conservation of water for beneficial uses, in an area where water is so important.

One of DENNIS' outstanding characteristics was his kindness and his friendliness. He always had a kind word and a friendly greeting for everyone. His many years of service in the U.S. Senate had endeared him to everyone he came in contact with. I miss him very much. The Senate just does not seem the same without him.

Mrs. Carlson joins me in extending our sincerest and deepest sympathy to Mrs. Chavez and the family.

Remarks by Senator McNamara

Of Michigan

Mr. McNAMARA. Mr. President, it was with a feeling of deep personal loss that I received the news of the death of Senator DENNIS CHAVEZ, of New Mexico.

My long and pleasant association with Senator CHAVEZ dates back to January 1955 when I first entered the Senate and had the good fortune to be assigned to the Committee on Public Works, of which he was the chairman.

It was my privilege to serve with Senator CHAVEZ on that committee for almost 8 years—until his death on November 18, 1962. Senator CHAVEZ always treated me with unfailing courtesy and consideration and with eminent fairness. He was my good friend.

Senator CHAVEZ was a great and distinguished American. His many battles on behalf of the underprivileged and the unfortunate earned him the title of "Champion of the Underdog."

He served the people of his beloved New Mexico and of the United States for many years with great devotion. It is a tribute to the wisdom of the people of New Mexico that they early recognized his great potential for public service, first electing him to the Senate in 1936, confirming his earlier appointment to this body by the Governor. They then proceeded to reelect Senator CHAVEZ four times. At the time of his death, he was serving his fifth term.

As chairman of the Public Works Committee and as chairman of the Miliary Affairs Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee, he made many great and lasting contributions to the physical development and the national security of his country.

The knowledge of these achievements, plus the high regard in which he was held by his colleagues of the Senate, will, I hope, be of some comfort to his bereaved family to whom I extend my most sincere condolences.

Remarks by Senator Saltonstall

Of Massachusetts

Mr. SALTONSTALL. Mr. President, DENNIS CHAVEZ was first elected to Congress in 1931. He became a Member of the Senate in 1935 and served as a faithful Senator from New Mexico until his death in 1962. I came to know Senator CHAVEZ from our service together on the Appropriations Committee of the Senate. For a number of years he served as chairman of the Subcommittee on Defense Appropriations and I was the senior minority member of the same committee. So we sat beside each other. We discussed the questions that were important to our country's security. We respected each other's opinion and thus became good friends. Senator CHAVEZ' decisions on questions that involved the security of our country were always without partisanship. We differed at times—not on a partisan basis—but on what we believed to be in the best interest of the military services of our country. These differences, always without partisanship, brought us closer together in our work.

Senator CHAVEZ was always insistent on making it possible for men who were intelligent, energetic, and hard-working to make a career of the military service which would be of value to our country and at the same time a career of which such men could be proud and in which they would be happy to serve. Hospitals, housing, proper pay for services rendered were thus matters on which he stressed and exercised the full weight of his position as chairman of our subcommittee.

In his efforts to improve the military services and thus the security of our country, he gave the best of his experience, his knowledge, and his zeal, but at the same time he never forgot to help, in ways that the Federal Government could help, the people of his own State of New Mexico. He fought to get better roads and to build up the conservation resources

of his State. He never forgot the Indians who were resident in the State of New Mexico.

Many times we argued pleasantly over whose ancestors came first to our country—his, who came to our country through Mexico, or mine, who came to New England at Plymouth and Salem and elsewhere. We never did reach a conclusion, but we enjoyed our discussions.

On the floor of the Senate, he stood up for what he believed, and on military questions as they came from our committee he backed forcefully the decisions reached by the committee.

Senator CHAVEZ and his wife and family were very close to each other. It was a happy sight to see them together.

His friendly presence on the Appropriations Committee, his wise judgment on its decisions, and his pleasant personality on the Senate floor will be missed by every Senator no matter what his partisan faith. And I personally have lost a colleague whom I came to respect and with whom I became friends.

Remarks by Senator Muskie

Of Maine

Mr. MUSKIE. Mr. President, I pay tribute, today, to the memory of Senator CHAVEZ, whose courage and attention to his responsibilities even in the depths of a painful illness will always be an inspiration to those of us who were privileged to be his colleagues.

Senator CHAVEZ, though he spent many years in Washington and rose to a place of high responsibility and national prestige in the Senate, never forgot his State or the citizens who elected him. His record as a Representative and a Senator stands as a monument to a responsive and responsible career in the Congress of the United States.

Remarks by Senator Javits

Of New York

Mr. JAVITS. Mr. President, DENNIS CHAVEZ was a friend and a colorful figure in the Senate. His Spanish-American heritage lent a piquancy to his important position in the Senate over so many years. His success in great office made him one of the shining symbols of what a man can do in our Nation when given the opportunity; and his physical and moral courage in the face of terrible pain and adversity cloaked his figure with the mantle of human greatness.

Remarks by Senator McGee

Of Wyoming

Mr. McGEE. Mr. President, a western Senator who left his mark upon this body was the late DENNIS CHAVEZ. Senator CHAVEZ represented the blend of cultures and backgrounds that gave variety and distinction to the settlement of the West. His is also the story of attaining cherished goals through hard work and determination. And when he had reached his goal, when he saw success in his efforts for advancement he did not choose to rest on his laurels. He worked hard for the people of his State and Nation.

The extent of his devotion to duty was easily observed by those of us in this body who saw him at his desk and in this Chamber even after he was cruelly attacked by the illness that ultimately caused his death. Lesser men would have given up, would have retired to their sickbeds. But DENNIS CHAVEZ continued his lifelong habit of hard work. His was an example for everyone's benefit and his determination should give courage to those who would hesitate in the face of formidable obstacles or retreat in the face of pain and suffering.

Remarks by Senator Keating

Of New York

Mr. KEATING. Mr. President, as Members of the U.S. Senate, we share a deep and common sense of loss in the passing of our distinguished colleague and esteemed friend, DENNIS CHAVEZ. Although it is a shared loss, this does not lighten the burden of sorrow for any who proudly and affectionately claimed DENNIS CHAVEZ within the circle of their friendship. In his long and eminent career of public service, this outstanding American gentleman brought the highest qualities of dedication, of intellect, of energy, and of leadership to the tasks and responsibilities which his fellow citizens entrusted to him. He was a fighter in spirit, in mind, in body—ever prepared to commit his full self to both the defense and the achievement of the ideals, the principles, the convictions which he found in his heart.

Valiant in his long and grievous illness, his spirit unyielding in the daily battle against pain, DENNIS CHAVEZ died as he had lived, a man of singular and indomitable courage. Our deepest expression of sorrow and sympathy goes today to his beloved family, to the people of the great State of New Mexico whom he served so well, and to the Nation he ennobled by his life and his work.

To me the friendship of DENNIS CHAVEZ was ever a valued personal treasure, and so too, will his memory remain the precious, inspiring legacy that friend leaves to friend.

Remarks by Senator Hruska

Of Nebraska

Mr. HRUSKA. Mr. President, it is well that we take this time to voice our tributes to the memory of Senator CHAVEZ.

It is a time for quiet and solemn reflection. It is a time to repledge our efforts to carry on with the heritage which DENNIS CHAVEZ left.

He was a proud man. He was proud of his noble ancestry. He was proud of the State of New Mexico where he was born 24 years before it became a State and he was proud of the Senate of the United States which he first served as a clerk while working for his law degree at Georgetown University.

He was proud of the Senate, both as an institution and proud of us, his colleagues. I was privileged to serve under his chairmanship of the Public Works Committee. No chairman could have been more fair or more considerate of the rights of the committee members, whether they towered in seniority or were the most recent of newcomers.

I well recall his describing the Public Works Committee and his role.

"We are builders," he said. "We are building America, harnessing its rivers, developing its resources, making it a greater nation."

He insisted that partisan politics play no part in the consideration of a project before his committee. It either had merit or it did not. He had a discerning eye for projects which lacked merit.

The true character of DENNIS CHAVEZ is best illustrated, I think, by the last several months of his life. Although he had been in failing health for some time, he never sought sympathy. Instead, he always endeavored to have a word of cheer and encouragement for others.

It was my great and good fortune to have had him as a friend.

Remarks by Senator Bartlett

Of Alaska

Mr. BARTLETT. Mr. President, Senator DENNIS CHAVEZ served 27 years in the Senate. In these 27 years no man in the Senate was more loved or respected than he was. He worked long and hard. He worked with intelligence and devotion, with honor and integrity, for his Nation and his State.

Senator CHAVEZ was chairman for many years of the Public Works Committee. His work and that of his committee make a fitting memorial to this beloved man. There is no State in our Nation in which evidence of his wisdom and foresight cannot be seen—embodied in our great dams, our highways and our public buildings.

Of Spanish-American origin himself, he was deeply sympathetic to the injustices which are done to the racial and religious minority groups of our Nation. Time and time again he used the authority of his office to see that right was done to individual citizens who had been unfairly treated by the officials of our Nation. He was, I know, greatly loved by the people of New Mexico. He was no less loved by the Members of the Senate.

In the last months of his life in spite of intense pain and discomfort, he continued to served his State, his Senate and his country. His presence among us last year was a moving example of high courage and selfless devotion.

His loss is a heavy burden for us. His death is a great personal loss to me.

Remarks by Senator Prouty

of Vermont

Mr. PROUTY. Mr. President, the first committee assignment that I received upon entering my duties in the Senate in 1959 was membership on the Committee on Public Works. DENNIS CHAVEZ was chairman of that committee at that time.

He was one of the first friends I made in the Senate, and I have profited greatly from his good counsel.

Senator CHAVEZ occupied in his capacity as chairman of the Committee on Public Works a position of prestige—and of great power. His grasp of his job and his wise conduct of the affairs of his committee were qualities to provoke admiration from an observer such as one becomes as he enters the Senate.

One other quality which I remember in Senator CHAVEZ endeared him to many of his colleagues. While on the floor of the Senate, I have seen him, perhaps more frequently than most other Members, spontaneously offer his congratulations to a Senator who had made an important point in a speech.

In this way alone, he constantly offered encouragement to his colleagues. Any new Senator needs such kindness. And Senators could have only great appreciation for the author of such welcome gestures.

For a long time, Senator CHAVEZ was afflicted with an illness which would have caused lesser men to despair. But he lived with it, fought it, and as was characteristic of his fortitude, conquered it.

I am glad that the opportunity presented itself for me to have known and worked with this fine man.

Remarks by Senator Curtis

Of Nebraska

Mr. CURTIS. Mr. President, with the death of the Senator from New Mexico, Mr. CHAVEZ, the Senate lost one of the kindliest men that ever graced these Halls.

DENNIS CHAVEZ was interested in people. He liked people. The heat of the battle never prompted him to do or say an unkind thing.

Senator CHAVEZ was first and always an American. He was proud of his nationality background but his devotion to this country was the important thing in his life. He shared the American dream and he wanted all of our citizens to have an opportunity under it.

Senator CHAVEZ had grit. He would hang on when others might give up. His successful struggle with serious illness will be an encouragement to everyone and no doubt will even add to medical knowledge.

I endorse all of the fine things that are being said today concerning our late friend. I wish to extend to Mrs. Chavez and to all the family the sincere sympathy of Mrs. Curtis and myself.

Remarks by Senator Jordan

Of North Carolina

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. President, we in the Senate who worked with DENNIS CHAVEZ are better Senators as a result of our associations with him. Without him, we are without a very warm friend and a true patriot who put the good of his country above all else.

DENNIS CHAVEZ loved people and people loved him. He was a great believer in democracy and government with a heart that responded to the needs of the people and the demands of the times.

The U.S. Senate was very much a part of DENNIS CHAVEZ and his life, and he had a unique career in this body. He came to Washington and to the Senate as a clerk as just a boy, and he was a part of the life of the Senate and the Federal Government during the most crucial periods of our Nation's history.

I often called on Senator CHAVEZ for advice and counsel. He was always understanding, and above all, reasonable and fair. I know that the other Members of the Senate also looked to him for guidance, and I am sure they found in him the same qualities.

Senator CHAVEZ looked upon the vast Southwest as the new frontier of the United States. He worked most effectively to develop the tremendous resources of that region, because he believed, and rightly so, that what was good for the Southwest—or for any other area for that matter—was good for America.

For many years to come, we will see the work Senator CHAVEZ did in the field of resources development bear fruit in the form of a growing, stronger economy.

Even in ill health, DENNIS CHAVEZ always put his country first, and he gave to his country all that was in him.

We have sustained a great loss, but we are a better Nation as a result of what Senator CHAVEZ contributed to us.

Remarks by Senator Cotton

Of New Hampshire

Mr. COTTON. Mr. President, my first acquaintance with DENNIS CHAVEZ was when I entered the Senate and was assigned to the Committee on Public Works, of which he was chairman. I served under him for a period of years and came to regard him with a deep and abiding affection.

Senator CHAVEZ could be fiery and vehement when battling for his State or for the causes in which he believed, but he was friendly, helpful, and warmhearted with all of his colleagues, and especially kind to those who were his juniors and to the attachés and others who served under him.

His long, intrepid fight against ill health and his constant triumph over physical weakness to perform the duties and discharge the responsibilities of his great office sets a high mark of courage that few of us can ever hope to attain.

Deeply religious, devoted to his family, loyal to his friends, he leaves a warm spot in the hearts of every one of us who knew him.

Remarks by Senator Metcalf

Of Montana

Mr. METCALF. Mr. President, it was a real pleasure to serve as a member of the Committee on Public Works under the chairmanship of the distinguished gentleman from New Mexico, Mr. CHAVEZ.

When I came to the Senate, he had already established a reputation for his interest in development of our public resources and in the first Americans, the American Indians.

The map of the United States is dotted with monuments to his effective interest in water resource development, reclamation, and irrigation.

Remarks by Senator Beall

Of Maryland

Mr. BEALL. Mr. President, this body lost a great Member with the passing of DENNIS CHAVEZ. We will miss him very much. He was a very active member, a hard worker. Much legislation now in existence bears his stamp.

DENNIS CHAVEZ preceded me in the Senate by some years. In fact, when I first became a Member, he was on of the stalwart leaders. He was a warm, friendly nature, and was always glad to be of help to new Members. I leaned heavily on his always available helpful advice. DENNIS CHAVEZ' presence in this Chamber dates back to 1918, when he became a clerk in the Senate while studying law at Georgetown University. He served as a clerk in the Senate for some 2 or 3 years. Upon graduation, he returned to his native State of New Mexico, which elected him to the House of Representatives in 1931. There he served during the 72d and 73d Congresses, and then came to the Senate. From 1935 through 1962, DENNIS CHAVEZ served in the Senate with distinction. I am sure that all of us were particularly impressed with his effectiveness in committee work. He studied each issue carefully, and was always well informed on the matters which came before his committees. It was in committee work that he was outstanding. In my dealings with DENNIS CHAVEZ, I found him to be a fair and just man. He was always willing to cooperate with others in anything he believed was for the good of the Nation.

Senator CHAVEZ knew the problems of the Nation, and particularly those of special interest to his State. He deeply believed in our system of government. Though we were of different political parties, I never found this to be any kind of a barrier to his cooperation with me in matters which were of special interest to me.

People like DENNIS CHAVEZ are "the salt of the earth." When we consider that first and foremost he was an American it makes us proud to call ourselves Americans.

DENNIS CHAVEZ has gone, but his work and his memory will live forever.

Remarks by Senator Randolph

Of West Virginia

Mr. RANDOLPH. Mr. President, the departure from this official body and this earthly life of Senator DENNIS CHAVEZ creates a void in the hearts of those who knew him that will not easily be filled.

DENNIS CHAVEZ was a quiet and gentle man, whose activities as a Senator were devoted not to the mere winning of plaudits of the press and galleries, but to serving the people of his beloved State of New Mexico, the American West, and the United States.

It was my privilege first to know DENNIS CHAVEZ when I came to Washington as a new Member in the 73d Congress, and in the subsequent 30 years our association deepened to cherished friendship.

During the past 4 years, as a member of the Senate Committee on Public Works, I served under the chairmanship of DENNIS CHAVEZ, where I observed at close range the work of equity and justice which he brought to that post. In a sense, every colleague was a member of his constituency, for every Senator at some time pressed the claims of his State on DENNIS CHAVEZ. Though these needs could not always be filled to the satisfaction of the individual request, I doubt that a single Member could deny that he invariably received a responsive and sympathetic hearing from Senator CHAVEZ.

Though a lifelong and loyal Democrat throughout his career, the late Senator from New Mexico never lost sight of Aristotle's dictum that—

> Those who think that all virtue is to be found in their own party principles push matters to extremes; they do not consider that disproportion destroys a state.

DENNIS CHAVEZ held always to this sense of proportion, and his wise and reasoned counsel will not soon be forgotten by those who served with him.

Remarks by Senator Fong

Of Hawaii

Mr. FONG. Mr. President, I should like to join my colleagues today in honoring the memory of DENNIS CHAVEZ, whose sudden passing last November saddened all of us. He was a most remarkable man, indeed, another of a long line of Members of Congress whose careers add proof that America is a land of opportunity for those willing to grasp the opportunity and work hard.

DENNIS CHAVEZ made no secret of the fact that he enjoyed being a Senator—he reveled in it—not because of any prestige that might attach to the post, but because it gave him a chance to help his native land. He made it plain that his country had been good to him, and he dedicated his long tenure in public office to repaying America in fullest measure.

During the last session of Congress, despite his newly acquired physical impediment, he refused to be deterred from his senatorial duties. We all admired his faithful attendance to the tasks of his office during what must have been very trying and uncomfortable days for him.

I came to know DENNIS CHAVEZ through my membership on the Public Works Committee, of which he was chairman. How proud he was of the work of that committee. He regarded it as a most constructive committee, for it deals with protecting human lives and safeguarding property from floods and other natural disasters; expanding navigation and transportation; developing America's natural resources; preserving our Nation's shorelines; building post offices and other Federal buildings; improving highways and harbors; harnessing the energy of waterpower; creating recreational areas for our people. These were actions which gave him tremendous satisfaction, as well they might.

Through his Public Works Committee work and his long tenure as chairman of the Subcommittee on Defense Appro-

priations and through extensive travel, he came to know America very well. He had a retentive mind for people, places, and things. And he had a long memory for acts of friendship toward him. This was impressed upon me by a personal experience.

In the course of a defense inspection tour soon after Congress adjourned in 1959, he stopped over in Hawaii, aboard a Matson liner. To greet my chairman and extend a welcome to the islands, I journeyed out to his ship before it anchored. He never forgot the incident, often recalling it to me. I think he would have a good chuckle to know how close to seasickness I became in the process.

DENNIS CHAVEZ was a firm friend of Hawaii, a fact he demonstrated on many occasions in his capacity as Senator by voting for statehood and as chairman of the Subcommittee on Defense Appropriations and as chairman of the Public Works Committee. He was familiar with the extensive defense installations in Hawaii and he took great pains to make sure our forces in Hawaii were strong and ready—that America's defense outpost in the mid-Pacific would be equal to any emergency.

He recognized the value of public works projects in the economic development of all the States and of the protection of lives and property, and he took the lead in promoting these essential measures.

I recall he was especially sympathetic to the need for protection of Hilo, Hawaii, after the devastating tidal wave of 1960. With his active support, construction of a breakwater was approved by Congress.

So as I pay personal tribute to the man whom I came to know and admire in the Senate, I also pay honor to him in behalf of all the people of Hawaii who are the beneficiaries of his steadfast support and assistance.

Every State in the Union has benefited from his service in the Senate. Everywhere there are enduring memorials to his constructive leadership and his deep and abiding interest in the necessary and orderly development of needed public

works. The very strong military shield that protects America today shows his handiwork. His good works, indeed, live on.

To Mrs. Chavez and other members of his family, my wife, Ellyn, and I extend our heartfelt condolences on their loss, a loss shared by all of us.

Remarks by Senator Moss

Of Utah

Mr. MOSS. Mr. President, Senator DENNIS CHAVEZ was my chairman on the Senate Public Works Committee, and in his passing I feel a great sense of personal loss. Although he was ill much of the time during which I served on the committee, he had a magnificent courage which lifted him above and beyond his physical infirmities.

He came to the Senate in 1935, from the House of Representatives, and for almost 30 years he dedicated himself to people of his State and of the country. He has left behind many proofs of his generosity, aid, and comprehension, and his name belongs in the annals of important Americans of our time.

Remarks by Senator Talmadge

Of Georgia

Mr. TALMADGE. Mr. President, it is with a deep sense of sorrow that I join my colleagues in paying tribute to the late Senator from New Mexico, DENNIS CHAVEZ.

His untimely death was a great loss, one which was felt by his friends in the Senate, his native State, and indeed the Nation as well.

DENNIS CHAVEZ, who entered the practice of law in 1920 in Albuquerque when New Mexico was still a young, new State of the Union, dedicated his life to duty and service. His long record in the U.S. Senate, punctuated by many outstanding accomplishments, shows that he devoted pursued his idea to the end.

The late Senator from New Mexico was especially pre-eminent in the conservation and development of our natural resources and in the maintenance of a mighty Military Establishment. It also is to his credit that he was a stanch defender of the rules and traditions of the Senate.

We shall all miss DENNIS CHAVEZ, but we shall always remember him as a true and loyal servant of the Nation and the people he represented.

Remarks by Senator Hill

Of Alabama

Mr. HILL. Mr. President, it was a sad day for the Senate and for the country when DENNIS CHAVEZ was called home.

This kind and genial man, warm and generous friend, devoted husband and indulgent father, fair and manly opponent, incorruptible and courageous public servant, was a martyr to duty, to the people's cause, and to the service of his country.

We saw DENNIS CHAVEZ, as the chairman of the Senate Committee on Public Works, laboring indefatigably for the development of America's waterways and her great natural resources with which God has so blessed our land. As chairman of the Subcommittee on Armed Services, of the Senate Appropriations Committee, he bore the heavy burden and labored incessantly for the building and maintenance of the strength and effectiveness of the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, and the Marines, to keep America strong that we might keep America free.

It was as a member of the Subcommittee on Labor, Health, Education, and Welfare of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, including the period of some several years when DENNIS CHAVEZ was chairman of the subcommittee, that I was privileged to work closest with him and to see his noble heart, his love and compassion for his fellow man, and his deep sympathy and concern for all who suffer.

A few months ago I was privileged to witness the Ambassador from Mexico confer upon DENNIS the highest honor that his country confers upon any citizen of another country. The ceremony of conferral was held at the Clinical Center of the National Institutes of Health where the battle is being waged against the dread diseases, the cripplers and killers of mankind. As I sat there, moved by the occasion and humbly proud to see so richly deserved an honor bestowed upon my

friend, I could not but think how fitting it was that the ceremony should be held at the National Institutes of Health that DENNIS had done so much to bring into being and to which he had made so many fine contributions. I was reminded of the words of the ancient Greek philosopher when he declared, "One cannot get closer to God than by bringing health to one's fellow man."

The example of DENNIS CHAVEZ' life is a light to lead us to higher and nobler paths. It is a part of every life he touched while on this earth and it will be transmitted from heart to heart, from soul to soul, until he last mortal shall put on immorality.

Remarks by Senator Young

Of North Dakota

Mr. YOUNG. Mr. President, I wish to join with other Members of the Senate in a well-deserved tribute to our beloved departed friend, DENNIS CHAVEZ.

"DENNIE" CHAVEZ, by which name he will always be remembered by his friends—was a truly wonderful person. He rose from a humble beginning to become a great statesman of our country. His contributions to important legislation over the many years that he served in the U.S. Senate are many. He was a most effective Senator, an untiring worker, and one of the most courageous men I ever knew. He never once thought of giving up, no matter how rough the going was.

DENNIE CHAVEZ will probably be remembered most for his great interest and concern for the poor and less privileged not only in his own State but throughout this Nation and, for that matter, our entire hemisphere.

DENNIE was a wonderful friend and a great statesman. We miss him here greatly. We in the Senate grieve with his beloved family in this great loss.

Remarks by Senator Cannon

Of Nevada

Mr. CANNON. Mr. President, when a man who is rendering magnificent service to his State and country passes from the scene of public life, it is indeed a sad occasion.

While I did not have the privilege of serving on any committee with DENNIS CHAVEZ, I grew to know him from my associations with him on the floor of the Senate and in our respective official duties. He was a man who inspired friendship and confidence, always willing to give the benefit of his long experience and background in government to a colleague.

I respected his views and benefited from his counsel.

DENNIS CHAVEZ was a great champion of the West and a man who could look ahead to the needs of future generations of his own State and of the Nation. My sympathies go out to all those who knew him and particularly his family with whom we join in a profound sense of loss on this occasion.

Remarks by Senator Thurmond

Of South Carolina

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I join my colleagues in the U.S. Senate in paying tribute to the memory of a distinguished former Member of this body who served his State and Nation with distinction and dedication for more than three decades. DENNIS CHAVEZ was a devoted servant of his people, and they rewarded him for his dedication to duty by returning him to the U.S. Senate on five occasions.

Mr. President, it is an amazing feat just to be able to win the confidence of the people of a great and sovereign State. To be able to hold that confidence for such a long period of time, however, is indeed a rare distinction, as all the Members of this body can well appreciate. This can only signify public belief in one's character, ability, and unselfish devotion to the people.

I had the pleasure of serving as a member of the Public Works Committee under Senator CHAVEZ when I first came to the Senate in 1955. I found him to be a fine gentleman who presided over his committee with competence, impartiality, and dignity. He rendered many valuable services to his Nation as a member and as chairman of this important committee, and also as chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense Expenditures. I particularly remember his capable work on the great interstate highway program which was approved in the Congress under his leadership and that of the junior Senator from Tennessee [Mr. Gore].

To the people of New Mexico and the members of the Chavez family I again extend my sincere and deep sympathy on the passing of this distinguished and able public servant.

Remarks by Senator Symington

Of Missouri

Mr. SYMINGTON. Mr. President, it is with great sadness that I pay tribute to the late Senator from New Mexico, DENNIS CHAVEZ.

We were all proud to be his friends, and it was my privilege to work with him on the many programs in which we shared an interest.

His youth in New Mexico endowed Senator CHAVEZ with a great knowledge of the land, and during his years in the Senate he devoted much energy to the development of our precious natural resources.

He was also an expert on military matters, and brought a keen mind to the complex problems of preparedness and defense.

Senator CHAVEZ was a tireless worker in behalf of the American Indian, and he made many permanent contributions to the betterment of our hemispheric relations.

It was my pleasure to serve with him on two committees, and he was unfailingly gracious and wise with respect to the problems of my State.

In many ways, we will miss his presence in the Senate for years to come.

Remarks by Senator Russell

Of Georgia

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. President, one is always hard put to express his opinion and sentiments when the subject is a friend and colleague over a period of many years. It will be impossible for me in a few short minutes to say the things that I feel in my heart about a very dear personal friend and one of the truly courageous public figures of our time, the late Senator DENNIS CHAVEZ.

I am one of the few Members of this body who was here when DENNIS CHAVEZ took the oath of office as a Senator of the United States. Over a period of years, we worked in many instances on the same committees and I came to know him intimately.

He was the toughest man physically I have ever known. He sustained and recovered from several major operations that would have taken all of the heart out of a lesser man, but DENNIS CHAVEZ was a great fighter. He fought the most terrible of diseases with the same courage and determination with which he always supported his political beliefs. He had courage in any field to back up his convictions. No man, no single group of men, no mighty combination or groups could shake him in his beliefs or frighten him into yielding a conviction.

We have many self-proclaimed liberals in this day. DENNIS CHAVEZ was a true liberal and he was proud of his philosophy. He was a liberal in the finest traditions of the political meaning of that word. He was a liberal in the tradition of La Follette, Borah, and Norris. He fought for the common man, the little man, the underprivileged in our society. He stood for equality of opportunity for all Americans and he supported with everything he had the great liberal traditions upon which our Republic is founded and our precious way of life rests.

DENNIS CHAVEZ

DENNIS CHAVEZ was a genuine Senate type. He had not served here long before he became a Senate man through and through. He was jealous of the prerogatives of the Senate and he had a fierce pride and faith in the Senate as an institution. He understood the roll that the Senate and individual Senators are supposed to play in our scheme of government. I do not know of a higher compliment that I could pay any man who ever served in this body.

It is said that he was born in an adobe hut and of poor parents. The story of DENNIS CHAVEZ is a story in the greatest American tradition. The record DENNIS CHAVEZ accumulated and the battles he fought during his long years in public life will be long remembered and often discussed, not only by his beloved people of New Mexico, but by all others in this Nation who, though humble born, aspire to success and yearn for the opportunity to serve and possess the character with which to do it well.

Several years ago I traveled through some of the public forests and other public lands of New Mexico with Senator CHAVEZ. We visited a number of small communities largely populated by Americans of Spanish descent. The faith and price of these people was clearly reflected on their countenances as they sought an opportunity to touch him if they could not shake his hand. His entire career bears proof that the faith and confidence of his people was justified in every respect. He never let them down.

I have never known a man who had a more complete faith in the basic American system of government than did DENNIS CHAVEZ. All of us will miss him here in the Senate, and I will miss him as my friend and confidant, and most especially the inspiration I derived from his courage every time I saw him.

Remarks by Senator Church

Of Idaho

Mr. CHURCH. Mr. President, I wish to join briefly with my colleagues in the Senate in paying tribute to the memory of DENNIS CHAVEZ. He had made his mark in this body, as a Senator and statesman of the first rank, before I came to know him. It was in the closing days of his life that he set before us the example of courage and stamina that for me will be an indelible memory. I will remember this man as he stood in the Senate, mortally ill, refusing to yield in spirit to the final colloquy to which he was being called by the failing flesh, persevering in his duty while an ounce of strength remained. I will always remember DENNIS CHAVEZ as the personification of a courage to which every man should aspire, and which every man who knew him may come closer to matching, when his own time of need arrives, by recalling the burning will which kept DENNIS CHAVEZ on his feet, on the floor of the Senate, so long as the call to duty could be heard.

Remarks by Senator Miller

Of Iowa

Mr. MILLER. Mr. President, when I first came onto the Senate Public Works Committee, of which the late Senator CHAVEZ was chairman, I was warmly received by the Senator and was made to feel very much at home. He loved the committee, and he had a deep affection for all of its members. We were, he said, on a committee which had no purpose other than to be constructive, to authorize projects which would make the United States a greater country, and its people happier and more productive.

The Senator had great courage, and he will always be an inspiration to those of us who knew that he was fighting a physical affliction which would have caused many a strong-willed person to lose hope and to despair. But Senator CHAVEZ never despaired. We will miss him. Mrs. Miller and I extend to Mrs. Chavez and the family our deepest sympathy over their great loss.

Remarks by Senator Monroney

Of Oklahoma

Mr. MONRONEY. Mr. President, I wish to join my colleagues in expressing my sense of deep personal loss in the death last November of Senator CHAVEZ.

Senator CHAVEZ in his more than three-score years of service in this body, established an enviable record of service to his State, the Nation, and to the Americas.

He was in all a great builder. As chairman of the full Committee on Public Works, he guided the world's largest construction program during the many years of his chairmanship. In this work it was his duty to program and plan the many facets of our public works development in water resources, navigation, road and highway construction, and even to our public buildings.

Aided by devoted and enthusiastic committee members, Senator CHAVEZ gave leadership and direction to this mammoth program and saw that proper emphasis was placed on not just one—but all—of the areas where the strengthening of our Nation was needed in this field of resource development. Each section received its rightful share of attention and development according to its needs. The sad plight of highway systems was corrected by the well planned and programed interstate highway program.

Vital needs of the newer States of the West, which Senator CHAVEZ knew and understood so well, were likewise provided new agricultural opportunities through irrigation projects built by the Army Engineers.

But the Senator's interest in building was not alone in physical buildings, as important as they were. He built opportunity for the underprivileged throughout all the States. He was a pioneer in the fight for civil rights and for opportunities for those who otherwise would have been passed by. His attention and work for the improvement of racial relations

will long stand as a monument to his love for all Americans. He wanted all to have fair and equal opportunities.

In the field of our inter-American relations, Senator CHAVEZ was likewise active. As the first Senator of Spanish-American origin, he was able to communicate our ideas and ideals to our Latin American neighbors. This way he helped improve the solidarity of relationships with both North and South America.

We who knew him well knew of the warm personal friendship that he extended to his colleagues. As a new Member I early learned of his solicitude for our success in the Senate and found him always ready and willing to assist us in our problems connected with our service on our committees or to our States.

The people of New Mexico can be proud of the service he rendered, not only for them, but for all the Nation.

To his wife who was a true companion through all of his public and private life and to his children I extend for myself and for Mrs. Monroney our deep sympathy and condolence for the loss of a devoted public servant.

Remarks by Senator Hartke

Of Indiana

Mr. HARTKE. Mr. President, DENNIS CHAVEZ was at home on the old frontier and the New Frontier. The Nation owes him a great debt. This warmhearted New Mexican dedicated his life to serving his country. His service on the Public Works Committee of the Senate was long and dedicated. Through the efforts of this great American, three great rivers of the country are being tamed and harnessed, and the people who live in their valleys protected. This is a service for which Senator CHAVEZ was rarely, if ever, truly recognized. Quietly, effectively, and with great dedication DENNIS CHAVEZ also served tirelessly and devotedly as head of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. Hardly a decision was made in the momentous years of war and cold war without his hard work, deep research, and solemn advice. Atomic warfare, conventional warfare, manned bombers, deadly missiles, Polaris, machines, men, ships—all these were his to check, to examine, to probe, to worry and brood over.

Yet DENNIS CHAVEZ, a man who had served in the Senate for four decades, had time to be concerned with the welfare of his own constituents and with the problems of his colleagues. His heart was big and warm. His efforts were for all of us. It was our good fortune to have had him with us. We shall miss him greatly.

Remarks by Senator Magnuson

Of Washington

Mr. MAGNUSON. Mr. President, I am among the many who will miss Senator DENNIS CHAVEZ, as a friend, a legislator and as a wise American. He was truly a great man.

Senator CHAVEZ was a native son of New Mexico and was the oldest of eight children. He served his State ably as a member of the State legislature and was next elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, where he served from 1931 until his appointment to the U.S. Senate in 1935, where he served until his death in 1962.

DENNIS CHAVEZ has served 9 years in the Senate before I was appointed to the Senate. I became closely associated with him on many legislative matters and found in him a faithful friend. Our friendship grew for each other through the years and I considered myself a member of his family.

Senator CHAVEZ served for many years on the Appropriations Committee and I will always treasure the years that I was able to work with him on appropriation matters. He was a great organizer, armed with the tools of logic. He served as chairman of the Subcommittee on Defense of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

I could write volumes on the good work which DENNIS CHAVEZ did as a member of the Public Works Committee of the Senate. He served ably as chairman of this committee for a number of years. He did outstanding work in authorizing the funds for important projects in order to assist in protecting and preserving our water and land resources.

It is true that during a number of years DENNIS CHAVEZ was in ill health. How he fought on, day after day, over unsurmountable odds, everyone had to admire. He was a tough fighter and continued to remain active almost until the time of his death.

When Senator CHAVEZ died last November, former President Harry S. Truman observed that he was "a good public servant, and that's about the highest thing you can say about a man."

A note was sent to Mrs. Chavez by the President of the United States, when she accepted on behalf of her husband the Minuteman Award of the Reserve Officers Association of the United States. President Kennedy said:

> Tonight we honor him as the citizen who contributed most to national security—but we shall also long remember him as a great patriot—and a great American.

I extend my heartfelt sympathy to the Chavez family, son and daughters and particularly to his wife. In my mind DENNIS CHAVEZ will live on and his overall impact on posterity will be enormous.

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WEDNESDAY, *January 9, 1963.*

Mr. MONTOYA. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 11) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable DENNIS CHAVEZ, a Senator of the United States from the State of New Mexico.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased Senator.

The resolution was agreed to.

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, I move that as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 51 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, January 10, 1963, at 12 o'clock noon.

Memorial Addresses

Remarks by Representative Montoya

Of New Mexico

Mr. MONTOYA. Mr. Speaker, it is with a profound sadness that I rise to pay respect and tribute to the memory of a formed Member of this House and a U.S. Senator until his death, the late distinguished and able Senator from New Mexico, the Honorable DENNIS CHAVEZ.

On November 18 last, the Supreme Being called him to the Great Beyond and this marked the passing of a great American from this scene.

Senator CHAVEZ first came to the Congress in 1930 and was reelected in 1932 to this body. In 1935 he was appointed to the U.S. Senate, where he served until the time of his death.

While his service in the National Congress is replete with great accomplishments in behalf of his fellow Americans, no appraisal of this man can be made unless we go back to his humble beginning and his ascendancy as a leader.

Born in absolute poverty in an environment closely akin to the feudal system which still dominates many countries of our hemisphere, he was one who could not settle to remain unextricated from such an atmosphere. His father and mother saw greater promise for their children and moved them to the vigorous community of Albuquerque where the horizon opened new vistas of opportunity for the future Senator from New Mexico. With grim determination and ceaseless industry, he began drafting blueprints for his own ascendancy in the hope that it might spell a better way of life for his fellow New Mexicans. As a public servant and Representative in the Congress, he was not afraid to invite and court controversy if it meant bringing about an improve-

ment of our social structure. He became a champion of his people and a voice of the underprivileged of this Nation.

Senator CHAVEZ became a legend to the Spanish people of New Mexico, and as their beacon light he influenced the ambitions among the young people of our State. He was the leader of a movement which exacted from public administrators in our State obedience to public trust. Our educational system began to improve because this man's influence demanded from our administrators that it should improve. He taught the people of our State that poverty was not an obstacle to progress of the individual, it was merely a partial deterrent which could be removed with grim determination and work—this he exemplified to his people and to the entire citizenry of our State.

As an American on the national scene he represented the good things that have made our Nation great and powerful. For the last 16 years he had been afflicted with cancer but this did not impede him in his desire for productive public service.

Despite his failing health, he did not spare himself. He would not and could not forget his duty to those who had elected him again and again as their voice.

Senator CHAVEZ achieved great distinction as chairman of the Public Works Committee, chairman on the Subcommittee for Defense Appropriations and on the Appropriations Committee.

I cannot pay greater tribute than to say that through his endeavors he had gained understanding. It can be said that he was a champion of the poor, the veteran, the humble, an exponent of our Nation's defense, a protector of the soil and the water, a voice of the unlettered. To the end he remained eager to discharge his responsibilities. Thus, he did not forget, as he forced his stricken body far beyond its strength in his last session of Congress. And thus we cannot—we will not forget the great heritage which he has left for us and for our Nation.

During all his productive life in the public service, the late Senator had at his side his beloved wife, Imelda. She was indeed the kind of companion who helped guide her husband through many a storm.

And we commend to Mrs. Chavez and to his son, Dennis, Jr., and his lovely daughters, Ymelda Dixon and Gloria Tristani, the accomplishments of his great career and hope that, in this proud heritage, a new strength will sustain them in their great sadness. In times of misfortune our sympathies seek the solace and comfort of prayer and the prayers of his colleagues are with you. We extend our condolences to his brothers, New Mexico Supreme Court Justice David Chavez, and Jesus Chavez, both of Santa Fe, and to his sisters, Mrs. Barbara Sena—State Board of Education—Mrs. Robert Jefferies, of Washington, D.C., Mrs. J. R. Gallegos, and Mrs. Gilbert Salazar of Albuquerque.

I dedicate these lines to his memory:

If but the sands of time were thoughts
That one could grasp for good or naught.
Then no one would be free to say
That failure joined him on life's way.

But there was one of humble birth
Who persevered to show his worth
And carved a name on history's roll
That others may be just as bold.

Remarks by Representative Morris

Of New Mexico

Mr. MORRIS. Mr. Speaker, I join in paying heartfelt tribute to our former senior Senator from New Mexico, DENNIS CHAVEZ, whose contributions to the welfare and development of our Nation and State are countless.

Senator CHAVEZ served his country and State with unswerving loyalty and unselfish devotion. His guiding hand was highly evident in many international developments, particularly in Latin America. Guatemalan President Fuentes presented the El Grado de Gran Cruz to Senator CHAVEZ in 1960 and Mexican President Mateos awarded him the Order of the Aztec Eagle in 1961 for outstanding contributions in furthering understanding between peoples of two countries.

He always was a devoted servant of the public and earned the sincere admiration and affection of his fellow Senators for his willingness to espouse and further the causes of untold thousands of citizens of America and the world. He had a most willing ear and listened to and assessed the problems of anyone seeking his counsel. The Senator occupies a special spot in the heart of those countless individuals who benefited from his guidance and will live on in their memories.

Senator CHAVEZ served New Mexico in the State legislature before beginning his long, distinguished representation in the U.S. Congress. In 1930 Senator CHAVEZ became the lone Congressman from New Mexico in the House of Representatives and was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Senator Bronson Cutting. His length of service in the Senate has been exceeded only by that of three present Members of that august body.

We in New Mexico are extremely proud of Senator CHAVEZ' outstanding record of accomplishments in his lifetime as a public servant. As chairman of the Senate Public Works Committee, Senator CHAVEZ became personally acquainted

with the problems of every State in the Union. His colleagues well remember the many courtesies he extended to them and their constituents in hearings and private audiences to discuss fully every aspect of their problems.

Perhaps an even greater contribution was made through Senator CHAVEZ' chairmanship of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee for Defense. In recognition of his valuable services in this capacity, the U.S. Reserve Officers Association has designated Senator CHAVEZ to receive the 1963 Minuteman Award for his many defense contributions.

His courage in face of great difficulties was manifested throughout his lifetime but never so vividly as in the past 2 or 3 years. He continued to perform his senatorial duties in the face of extremely serious illness. That record of service will be an everlasting monument to Senator DENNIS CHAVEZ.

We all miss him greatly. Mrs. Morris and I want to express again to Mrs. Chavez and their family our sincere and deep sympathy at the tremendous loss all of us have suffered.

Remarks by Representative Libonati

Of Illinois

Mr. LIBONATI. Mr. Speaker, the death of Senator DENNIS CHAVEZ deprived the Western States of one of their most important and influential leaders representing their interests in the Halls of Congress.

Senator CHAVEZ was a confirmed liberal of strong and positive principles and never departed from his strong loyalties to the common man's problems. As a member and chairman of the Public Works Committee, and the Appropriations Committee, he contributed much to improve the natural resources of the western areas of our country. He fostered many projects and programs to harness the power of great rivers, for electrification, to spread irrigation into arid areas, in order to stimulate the local economy through agricultural productivity, to promote industrial production by pressuring through defense contracts, and to stimulate mining operations toward the same end.

He sponsored and supported legislation to improve the living conditions and vocational training of the forgotten Indian tribes. He was rightfully called the angel of the poor and spent time, money, and effort in championing their causes. His counsel and guidance will be sorely missed by the people of the great West and, especially, the citizens of New Mexico. He served them with a devotion and loyalty unmatched in the annals of legislative history.

He was ever working both as a public servant and legionnaire for legislation for the veterans and their families. He served every need for legislation to solve their immediate problems, as well as pressing for new, needed, merited benefits from their Government.

Senator CHAVEZ devoted his entire life to the welfare of others. He believed in defending and perpetuating human rights. He was a leader in advocating a strong defense,

militarily. He was a public servant whose independent thinking for the good of his fellow man earned for him the highest recognition among his colleagues and leaders of the Nation.

This fine Senator was loved and appreciated by all Americans who followed his philosophy of sponsoring and supporting progressive welfare legislation for the benefit of the common citizens. The people of the West venerated him for his every active effort to bolster and stimulate the local economy and bring agricultural and industrial productivity to their areas. The Illinois delegation well remembers and appreciates his brilliant and detailed defense of their position in the much-needed Lake Michigan water diversion bills for the Sanitary District of Chicago—to protect the health of millions of its citizens and those of the suburban communities.

We, the Illinois Members of the Congress, mourn his loss and join our prayers with those of his darling wife, Imelda, his son, Dennis, Jr., and his lovely daughter, Ymelda Dixon and Jorge Tristani. We extend to his brothers, New Mexico Chief Justice David Chavez, and Jesus Chavez, both of Santa Fe, and to his sisters, Mrs. Barbara Sena—State board of education—Mrs. Robert Jefferies, of Washington, D.C., Mrs. J. R. Gallegos, and Mrs. Gilbert Salazar, of Albuquerque, our heartfelt condolences on their great loss.

May God grant him peace everlasting for his loyal public services throughout his life, to his Nation, State, and fellow man. He lives forever in the hearts of his countrymen.

To Dennis Chavez

There are many stories told
Of the works of noble souls
Who stand out in deepest mold
As their deeds in life unfold.

He was one who reached such heights
Then receded into night;
Soulful shadow of Heaven's light,
Blessed by God within man's sight.

Remarks by Representative Rogers

Of Colorado

Mr. ROGERS. Mr. Speaker, we of Colorado were saddened to learn of the passing of our good friend Senator DENNIS CHAVEZ. It has been my pleasure to know him throughout many years of his lifetime, and particularly as he labored as a public servant of the people of New Mexico.

We in Colorado always felt we had a friend in Senator CHAVEZ whenever the problems of the West were to be discussed. We recognized he understood them; not only did he understand the problems of the West as they related to our property laws, but he also understood the rights of the people and human beings. We in Colorado often called upon Senator CHAVEZ to assist, and he worked with us. His efforts in behalf of the West have been appreciated by the people. We know that his passing will leave a vacant spot, a leader who has so well represented the entire Nation for over 30 years.

May I extend my sympathy to Mrs. Chavez and the family on the passing of a great friend of Colorado.

Remarks by Representative McCormack

Of Massachusetts

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, the life of the late Senator DENNIS CHAVEZ is one of dedicated service to State and country. As a Member for years of this body and of the U.S. Senate he served our country and our people with devotion and with courage. Admiration for him was widespread throughout the country. The confidence the people had in him was evidenced by his repeated election and reelection to both branches of the Congress.

A man of deep faith and conviction, of outstanding ability and courage, DENNIS CHAVEZ left his favorable imprint upon the pages of American history. The honorable and trustworthy service he rendered will always be a source of consolation to his loved ones.

I extend to Mrs. Chavez and to her son and daughters my deep sympathy in their great loss and sorrow.

Remarks by Representative Boggs

Of Louisiana

Mr. BOGGS. Mr. Speaker, I should like to join my colleagues in paying tribute to that distinguished Member of the other body, Senator DENNIS CHAVEZ. He, in my opinion, gave of himself above and beyond the call of duty. His understanding of the problems of our country—particularly the problems of a growing country—was a source of great strength to all of us who have some responsibility in the legislative process. He saw our country grow in population, in resources, in wealth, during the fruitful years he served in this body and the other body. He understood the problems facing us—public works, flood control, navigation, and others.

Mrs. Boggs and I are well acquainted with his family, particularly his wife and his lovely daughter, Mrs. Ymelda Dixon. We have known them for many years. We join in extending our deepest sympathy to all of them.

Remarks by Representative Roybal

Of California

Mr. ROYBAL. Mr. Speaker, as a native of New Mexico and now a Californian, I rise to pay tribute to the late, beloved, and courageous Senator DENNIS CHAVEZ, of New Mexico.

Senator CHAVEZ was truly a man of the people. He was beloved not only by the people of New Mexico, but by all the Spanish-speaking people in the United States—1,750,000 of whom live in my home State of California.

His ancestors were the early founders of the State of New Mexico. They were the original founding families of the city of Santa Fe in the year 1610, 10 years before the Pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock. His birthplace, Los Chavez in Valencia County, N. Mex., is named after his ancestors. The family ranch, composed of thousands of acres was established because of a land grant in 1769 by the King of Spain.

Senator DENNIS CHAVEZ was the first American of Spanish origin to serve in the Congress of the United States. He served 2 years in the House of Representatives and held his seat as the Senator from the great State of New Mexico for 27 years until his tragic death last November. He never forgot his Spanish background and throughout the years was most closely identified with the fight of Mexican-Americans in the Southwest.

The Spanish-speaking people of this hemisphere also mourn his death for he worked tirelessly to improve relations between our Nation and the Republics of Latin America.

On general legislative matters, DENNIS CHAVEZ, time after time demonstrated that he had the courage of his convictions. Perhaps the greatest expression of his courage and deep commitment to democracy and individual rights was a stirring speech he made on the floor of the Senate on May 12, 1950. This speech was an eloquent protest against the oppressive excesses of the times. Senator CHAVEZ said that

sometimes you must step out and sound the alarm and then went on to declare:

I should like to be remembered as the man who raised a voice—and I devoutly hope not a voice in the wilderness—at a time in the history of this body when we seem bent upon placing limitations on the freedom of the individual. I would consider all legislation which I have supported meaningless if I were to sit idly by, silent, during a period which may go down in history as an era when we permitted the curtailment of our liberties, a period when we quietly shackled the growth of men's minds.

Well might we in this House, who have sworn to uphold the constitutional rights of all our people, rely on these eloquent words of Senator CHAVEZ as a guide to our legislative actions.

His words and independent actions were courageous. He worked quietly and effectively for the welfare and equal rights of his beloved people of New Mexico, and he labored long and patriotically to guard and strengthen our Nation. His career gave pride, hope, and a place in the sun to three generations of Americans of Mexican and Spanish descent. His death is a great loss not only to his family, to the great State of New Mexico which he represented, but to several million Americans of Latin American descent whose cause he championed for many years.

I join those who loved and admired him in paying tribute and respect to his memory, with gratitude for his courage, independence, and great devotion to our Nation.

Remarks by Representative Roosevelt

Of California

Mr. ROOSEVELT. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join my colleagues in expressing sincere regret and deep personal loss in the passing of Senator DENNIS CHAVEZ. Though he was concerned with the problems of all people, he was particularly devoted to the cause of underprivileged and minority groups of our Nation during his continuous service in the Senate of the United States since 1935.

Senator CHAVEZ was also courteous and kind to me and to Mrs. Roosevelt, and during his many visits to California we became very close to him. We have great sympathy for his wife and his family, and offer our heartfelt condolences.

Remarks by Representative Gonzalez

Of Texas

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, Senator CHAVEZ, of New Mexico, has symbolized in the hundreds of thousands, in fact several millions of people of Southwest United States for several decades the hope and the promise that is ours as American citizens.

In Texas the name of Senator CHAVEZ for many years has loomed large. Those of us who have had the privilege of having known him personally certainly feel we have been most fortunate in this experience.

When we study the great record of achievement that Senator CHAVEZ accomplished, it cannot help but leave us with the highest inspiration and the deepest humility.

Mr. Speaker, there are in our country literally several millions of people who have lived in a submerged status. Many of them have been ratholed, mistreated, have been denied the equality of opportunity and education, as well as economic opportunities and other normal pursuits of American life. It was to this emerging group that the name DENNIS CHAVEZ appeared on the horizon as a bright star for many years. There is nothing more hopeless as an expression of feeling and emotion in the human breast than the feeling that a person or a group of persons does not or do not fit into the general community. The fact that Senator CHAVEZ was able to emerge from New Mexico and contribute by his intelligence and ability to the mainstream of American political life meant so much to the people in these submerged areas, so that today those of us who have been given the opportunity to serve on these high levels cannot but rise in order to confess our great debt to Senator DENNIS CHAVEZ.

In many other areas of activity Senator CHAVEZ' name will be recorded in history. His name will not be lost in the dust of history. At a time when there were forces loose in our

country, forces of a totalitarian spirit, which brought forth fear and intimidation, it was Senator CHAVEZ who got up and combated these forces. There were those who tried to use the symbol of religion as a means toward that end. It was Senator CHAVEZ who got up in the Senate and said it was his forebears who first brought the cross to the Western Hemisphere, but it was never their purpose to use the cross as a club. These are words that will forever last.

But, over and above that, the fact that a man with a surname such as CHAVEZ was able to contribute as magnificiently as the Senator did will forever be an inspiration to those of us who cannot escape our names.

Remarks by Representative Albert

Of Oklahoma

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join the gentleman from New Mexico and express my profound sense of loss caused by the death of a truly great man and statesman, the late Senator DENNIS CHAVEZ.

I am sure I speak for all people of my State of Oklahoma, for Senator CHAVEZ was our friend. As chairman of the Senate Committee on Public Works, he worked closely through the years with the Oklahoma delegation. He was always sympathetic with our endeavor to build up the water resources of our State.

But he was the friend of all Americans. He used his position on the Public Works Committee to develop America's resources and power. Only recently, he was a leading figure in the legislation leading to the building of the Interstate Highway System and the legislation prescribing water pollution control measures. He was one of those great men who instinctively are builders and build he did.

Mr. Speaker, Senator CHAVEZ' compassion for underprivileged people earned him a permanent place in their hearts. He was their champion and their benefactor.

A great American, he also took great pride in his Spanish ancestry and language. This background gave him a special understanding of and interest in his Spanish-American constituents and also led to his active concern with relationships between this country and the pan-American nations.

It is with the greatest sorrow that I reflect upon the passing of this great American and humanitarian. His monument is the better and stronger America which is the beneficiary of his remarkable life's work.

Mrs. Albert joins me in sending our deepest sympathy to his lovely wife and to his son and two daughters and to his grandchildren in this time of their great sorrow.

Remarks by Representative Udall

Of Arizona

Mr. UDALL. Mr. Speaker, I represent a district of Arizona which shares a common border with the State Senator CHAVEZ served so well so long. We also share a common heritage of which DENNIS CHAVEZ was a shining example. Both Arizona and New Mexico have substantial populations of Mexican-Americans, many of whom are descendants of the Spanish community which flourished there before the United States expanded into the Southwest. Many fine leaders have emerged from this group, but none has achieved a greater place in history than DENNIS CHAVEZ. It is often said of famous men that they rose from humble beginnings. We hear much of people being born in log cabins, although I do not think there are very many left for future leaders to be born in. But in the case of DENNIS CHAVEZ, we can honestly say that he came from a most humble beginning and that he did, indeed, overcome many obstacles, economic and cultural, before he could become the great spokesman that he was for New Mexico, the Southwest, the Democratic Party, and the United States of America. Senator CHAVEZ was known almost as well as in Arizona as he was in New Mexico, and in his passing we feel we have lost a great friend.

Remarks by Representative Rhodes

Of Arizona

Mr. RHODES. Mr. Speaker, the entire Southwest joins the State of New Mexico in grieving for the loss of the late Senator DENNIS CHAVEZ. In a real sense, Senator CHAVEZ was one of the first citizens of the Southwest. While his beloved State of New Mexico always came first with him, he was also zealous in helping to solve the problems of the entire area.

DENNIS CHAVEZ was a patriot in every sense of the word. His senatorial duties resulted in his having great responsibility for the strength of the Armed Forces of the United States. No man ever realized his responsibilities more, or discharged them with greater devotion to duty.

Though I am not a member of the political party to which DENNIS CHAVEZ gave his loyalty and devotion, I am grateful to him for the affable, kind treatment I always received at his hands. In his passing I have lost a friend whom I cherished and will miss.

Mrs. Rhodes joins me in extending our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Senator CHAVEZ and to our great sister State of New Mexico.

Remarks by Representative Mahon

Of Texas

Mr. MAHON. Mr. Speaker, the congressional district which I have the honor to represent borders the State of New Mexico for about 150 miles. It was but natural that Senator CHAVEZ and I worked together on many mutual problems for more than a quarter of a century. He was a stanch and unwavering friend through the years. It was a joy to work with him in matters involving the public interest.

As I look back over the years, I can recall joining a campaign caravan with him in eastern New Mexico and working side by side with him in the interest of the Democratic Party.

Senator CHAVEZ was a member of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate, and in recent years he was chairman of the Defense Subcommittee on Appropriations. We met each year in conference on the defense appropriation bill. He was always fair and agreeable but always firm in his determination to promote the strength and security of the United States in accordance with his strongly held convictions.

I wish to pay tribute to his memory and express my deepest sympathy to his gracious and lovely wife, Mrs. Chavez, and the family left behind.

Remarks by Representative Rooney

Of New York

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with a deep feeling of sorrow that I join with my colleagues in this memorial tribute to a very good friend, the distinguished late senior Senator from the State of New Mexico, the Honorable DENNIS CHAVEZ, who passed away last November. I have suffered a great personal loss in his passing, for we had been friends over all the years that I have been a member of the House Committee on Appropriations. Last fall he was kind enough to address a very nice letter to me which was of concern to my Puerto Rican and Spanish-American constituents.

DENNIS CHAVEZ will long be recalled for his many important accomplishments, not the least of which was his wholehearted efforts in securing passage of a permanent Fair Employment Practices Act. As an American of Spanish descent, of which heritage he was extremely and justifiably proud, he was ever understanding and mindful of the political and social causes of his people.

He was a remarkable man, a quiet, powerful figure in the political life of his home State of New Mexico, and here in the Senate of the United States.

In a speech he made on the floor of the Senate in 1950, Senator CHAVEZ said:

> I should like to be remembered as the man who raised a voice—and I devoutly hope not a voice in the wilderness—at a time in the history of this body when we seem bent upon placing limitations on the freedom of the individual. I would consider all the legislation which I have supported meaningless if I were to sit idly by, silent, during a period which may go down in history as an era when we permitted the curtailment of our liberties, a period when we quietly shackled the growth of men's minds.

To his dear wife and family I should like to extend my heartfelt sympathy in their great loss. He will always be with us in our hearts and long remembered by his State of New Mexico and the Nation.

Remarks by Representative Senner

Of Arizona

Mr. SENNER. Mr. Speaker, it was with great sorrow that I received news of the death of Senator DENNIS CHAVEZ. Especially to us in the Southwest, Senator CHAVEZ was in every respect the image of our real America. Indeed, his life reflected the America where humble beginnings in no way need cause a man to falter in quest of his destiny. I am certain the Senator has left a mark which few can ever hope to equal, and yet aspire to it we should.

On behalf of my fellow Arizonians, and particularly the 195,000 Arizonians of Spanish-speaking background, I extend heartfelt condolence to the family of this great man. Que su alma descanse en paz y que siempre sea nuestra inspiración.

Remarks by Representative Chenoweth

Of Colorado

Mr. CHENOWETH. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join my colleagues in paying tribute to the memory of Senator DENNIS CHAVEZ, of New Mexico. I was indeed saddened when I learned of his passing last November. I had been with him at the funeral services of Senator Dworshak of Idaho in October, which was the last time I saw him. I thought at that time he was looking better and I felt very encouraged over the progress he seemed to be making in the recovery of his health.

I wish to extend my sincere sympathy to my colleagues from New Mexico in the great loss they have sustained. Senator CHAVEZ was a neighbor and a friend. Colorado and New Mexico have many things in common, and we always knew we could count on Senator CHAVEZ to help us on matters of interest to our State.

I always enjoyed a visit with Senator CHAVEZ, and we talked many times about mutual friends and matters of interest to New Mexico and Colorado. When I would introduce a friend to him he always mentioned that he was a warm friend of Colorado, since Mrs. CHAVEZ was born in Del Norte, which is in my congressional district.

Mr. Speaker, the passing of Senator CHAVEZ was a great loss, not alone to the State of New Mexico, which he served so ably over the years, but to the entire Nation. Senator CHAVEZ was always fighting for the development of our natural resources in the Western States, and made a most valuable contribution to the growth and expansion of the West.

Mrs. Chenoweth joins me in extending our deep personal sympathy to Mrs. Chavez and the other members of the family.

Remarks by Representative Keogh

Of New York

Mr. KEOGH. Mr. Speaker, the late Senator DENNIS CHAVEZ served in the Congress more than 30 years, and the great loss which his beloved State of New Mexico has sustained is shared by us all. Senator CHAVEZ was a man of humble origin, and during his many years of public service he was a champion of the underprivileged and was a strong voice on behalf of human rights and the dignity of man. He worked unceasingly to improve the living conditions of the people of New Mexico and his was a life devoted to the welfare of others. He contributed much toward the development of the natural resources of the western regions of our country. In later years, stricken with a grave and serious illness, Senator CHAVEZ displayed great personal courage and despite ebbing strength he continued to work for the causes in which he believed so deeply. His life was an inspiration to all Americans but particularly to those of Spanish and Mexican descent. A noble man—a strong defender and protector of our country has left us. He leaves behind a record of achievement equaled by few men. I have lost a good and respected friend, and to Mrs. Chavez, his daughters, and his son, I extend my deep and heartfelt sympathy on their very great loss which is shared by the Nation.

Remarks by Representative Aspinall

Of Colorado

Mr. ASPINALL. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues of the House and Senate in paying tribute to the life and services of the late U.S. Senate, DENNIS CHAVEZ, of New Mexico.

All of us have lost a very fine friend and colleague and his passing will be felt not only in the State and Nation which he served so well, but especially among the common people of the world. His heart was as big as the world in which he lived, and he gave unstintingly of it to the service of mankind. In the contributions of his life we find especially the rights of the minority served and protected.

Senator CHAVEZ, of New Mexico, was no novice in the field of legislative service. He spent a lifetime in such endeavors. He ended his career as he began it—in service in the U.S. Senate first as an employee and then later as a distinguished Member. There are but few Members of the Congress of the United States who have climbed up the rungs of the ladder as did he from his first position as a clerk to the Secretary of the Senate until the time of his death when he had reached his position as a senior Member of that great body.

He was trained as a lawyer and returned for a while to his native State of New Mexico to practice law, but the political thread which had been sewn into his very being during his time as an employee of the Senate soon led him into the field of active politics and into the legislative halls of the State of New Mexico where he served with distinction. In 1931 he returned to Washington as a Member of Congress where he served with honor and ability throughout the 72d and 73d Congress. His services were further recognized by his State and he finished his life with more than a quarter of a century of service in the U.S. Senate.

The late senior Senator from New Mexico was molded of no ordinary clay. His was a personality set apart for him

and him alone. He loved people; he knew how to serve them, and he used every available tool at his command to bring success to his efforts in behalf of his people. His life will serve in our memories as a symbol of great tradition of dedication to those whom he loved and the purposes which motivated him.

I extend my sympathy to the loved ones he left behind. In their sorrow, they can be consoled by the fact, however, that the spirit which was his will never die, but will continue to be a guiding light to those who serve their fellow man.

Memorial Tributes
to
Dennis Chavez

Memorial Tributes

By Senator Clinton P. Anderson

Of New Mexico

Mr. ANDERSON. Mr. President, on last November 18, the people of New Mexico and, indeed the people of this entire Nation lost a good friend and servant of the public interest when Senator DENNIS CHAVEZ died. He has served in the House and the Senate of the United States for 32 years, and in that time was recognized as an advocate of the cause of the little man, the man who can sometimes be without an advocate in high places. Perhaps his greatest achievement in Congress was his service as chairman of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. He played an active part in helping to create the military strength that has enabled this country to pursue the international objectives of peace and the security of the free world.

On March 1, the Reserve Officers Association of the United States honored our late colleague by bestowing on him posthumously the honor of Minuteman of 1963.

I ask that an article from "The Officers," a publication of the Reserve Officers Association, detailing some of the accomplishments DENNIS CHAVEZ achieved over a long and useful life, may be printed:

BORN IN ADOBE HUT, ROA'S MINUTEMAN ROSE TO BECOME POWERFUL LEADER

(By John J. Ford)

Born in an adobe home with a dirt floor, too poor ever to go to high school and past 30 years before he could afford to study law, DENNIS CHAVEZ rose to become chairman of the most powerful subcommittee in the U.S. Senate—the group that sets the annual appropriations for national defense. At the time of his death last November he was fourth senior Member of the U.S. Senate and had served as a Senator longer than any other man from New Mexico.

As a boy he was forced to leave school in the seventh grade to go to work and help support his family, driving a grocery wagon 12 hours a day for the princely salary of $2.75 a week. As a Senator he headed the unit that wrote awesomely expensive Defense bills, directing the spending of $40 billion or more annually. His first job had taught him the value of the dollar but in his last he never made the mistake of trying to put a price tag on defense. Chairman of the Defense appropriations unit during 8 years when Congress was showing renewed interest in strategic planning and exerting a big influence on such planning through the money bills, he consistently fought for a stronger Defense Establishment. He was in the forefront of the fight for a larger Army and Marine Corps, minimum strengths for the Reserves, speedier development of Polaris, a nuclear carrier, more conventional airpower, and development of the B–70.

The grocery wagon job was in Albuquerque, 25 miles north of Los Chavez, in Valencia County, where DENNIS was born on April 8, 1888, the son of David and Paz Sanchez Chavez. The name of his birthplace was not coincidental; his roots went deep in the soil of Valencia County. He was on land deeded to his direct ancestors by Phillip II of Spain in 1597. One of his progenitors was the first jefe politico (Governor) of the New Mexican territory when Mexico won its independence from Spain in 1821.

The roots were deep but the soil was dry. David Chavez struggled in vain to provide a living for his family on the parched earth of his forebears. When DENNIS was 7 the family moved to Albuquerque where there were jobs and also schools. In Los Chavez there were no schools, no books and only Spanish was spoken. DENNIS later said he had become a Democrat because, "I saw that under the Republicans English-speaking communities had schools, Spanish-speaking communities had none."

TO WORK AT 13

But the family was still poor and at 13 DENNIS, oldest of eight children, had to go to work. He not only drove the delivery wagon, he cared for the horse and stable. He once said he spent his youth "playing valet to a horse at 6 o'clock in the morning." The hours were from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., except on Saturday. On Saturday he worked till 11 p.m. On weekday evenings he studied in the local library, reading his great hero, Jefferson.

After 4 years the pay was up to $11 a week but one day the store owner told him to deliver food to men hired to break a strike. He refused and was fired. At 17, he had taken his stand on the side of the underdog. It was the only side he was comfortable on for the rest of his life.

Examples of this come up again and again his career. He worked tirelessly for the Mexican people of his State, who had discrimination problems, and for the often neglected Indians of the West.

A little known incident happened in connection with the defense money bill, which regularly contains restrictions against buying food and clothing from foreign suppliers. In 1955 CHAVEZ added to the restriction the buying of "spun silk yarn for cartridge cloth." A man who owned a small silk plant who had supplied the cartridge covers to the Navy testified he was being forced out of business because the Navy was buying the covers from Japan. He had some evidence the Japanese product did not wear as well as his own. He had a small business and no lobbyist or Senator to fight his cause; he was a little man being disregarded by the Federal Government. CHAVEZ put in the rider to protect him and the jobs of the people who worked for him. Senator CHAVEZ had never seen the man before the committee hearing and never saw him after that but the rider stayed in the bill despite pressure from the State Department and other sources. It is still in the Defense bill today.

TAKES SENATE JOB

The ex-wagon driver studied at night to become a qualified surveyor, worked as assistant engineer for the city of Albuquerque. A job as interpreter for Senator A. A. Jones in 1916 brought an offer of a clerkship in the U.S. Senate. Encouraged by his wife, whom he had married in 1911, he gave up a promising start in the contracting business to come to Washington and fulfill his long dream of studying law. At the tender age of 30, a married man with two children who had never seen the inside of a high school or a college, he entered Georgetown Law School.

Years later, any young man who served on Senator CHAVEZ' staff was required to use his spare time bettering his education. Among ex-CHAVEZ staffmen who got their higher education this way are a former Lieutenant Governor, a former district attorney, and a number of prominent lawyers and doctors.

With his law degree in 1920, CHAVEZ started a notably successful law practice (though often defending clients who could not afford attorney fees). In 1923 he was elected to the State legislature where he introduced the first bill to provide free textbooks to the schoolchildren of New Mexico. In 1930 he was elected to the House of Representatives, unseating incumbent Republican Albert Simms.

Reelected in 1932, he tried unsuccessfully to defeat Republican Senator Bronson Cutting in 1934 in one of the more acromatic campaigns in New Mexico history. It was the only one of 13 major primary and general election campaigns he lost. When Cutting

died in a plane crash in 1935, CHAVEZ was appointed to the seat. He was elected to it in 1936 and reelected in 1940, 1946, and 1952. Early building a reputation as a fighter for the things he believed in, he fought some tough battles in the political arena, once complaining it was his fate "always to run against a million dollars."

PROUD OF HERITAGE

The only Senator of Spanish descent, he was intensely proud of his heritage. Once, when asked his nationality, he replied, "American since before Plymouth Rock." An aid once said CHAVEZ was recognized by his colleagues as "one of the last great individualists in the Senate." Like the great individualists throughout the history of the Senate, he had courage. His fellow Senators much admired that courage in 1950, at the height of the McCarthyism era, when many in the Congress were afraid to speak out. CHAVEZ rose on the Senate floor to denounce McCarthy's favorite witness, Louis Budenz, as a man who gave "un-American, un-Christian, dubious testimony" under the "shield and cloak" of the Catholic Church. CHAVEZ, himself a Catholic, said the period might be remembered as a time "when we have quietly shackled the growth of men's minds."

Early in the years of the war he showed that foresight on defense matters that marked his later service. The Senate was debating the Army appropriation bill in 1940 at a time when air power was still little understood and attempts were being made to cut the funds for pilot training. CHAVEZ argued, "I maintain that our national defense in the future will be * * * the airplane of the future. I am for anything that may be done for the making of better pilots and for bringing about of technical improvements in this field."

EQUAL PAY FOR NURSES

Senator CHAVEZ often helped on defense matters in less conspicuous ways. Early in the war there was a terrible shortage of nurses in the Army. Looking into the problem CHAVEZ learned the pay for nurse second lieutenants was below that of male officers of equal grade. He prodded the War Department into paying nurses the same as other officers and recruitment soon picked up.

He wanted a strong defense and he wanted Congress to take the lead in bringing it about. In 1959 his committee reported a bill providing a 200,000-man floor on the Marine Corps and minimum strengths of 300,000 and 400,000, respectively, for the Army Reserve and Army National Guard. (He had also voted for an Active Army of 900,000 but it had lost in committee.) When some in Congress

questioned whether Congress should be setting strength minimums or other details of military policy, CHAVEZ said:

"The fundamental issue involved far exceeds in importance the questions of what constitutes an adequate strength for the Marine Corps. What is in fact involved here is the constitutional role of the Congress in the formulation of national military policy. The Constitution places the utlimate responsibility for defense squarely on the shoulders of the Congress."

He then lectured his colleagues with precedents—dating back to the time when veterans of the Continental Congress served in Congress—of the legislature setting the size of the Armed Forces and such details as how many marines would be carried on specific naval vessels. He even brought up a case where Congress had specified the tensile strength of the steel to be used in construction of warships.

"In those occasional incidents where our most carefully considered judgments differ from that of the Executive," he concluded, "the Congress cannot in honor and good conscience absolve itself of the burden by supinely bowing to the Executive."

Senator CHAVEZ had a clear understanding of the value of the Reserves. On July 13, 1959, he told the Senate:

"Over a period of years there have been progressive reductions in the strength of the Active Army. One of the factors compensating for this reduction has been the increasing effectiveness and readiness of the Army National Guard and Reserve.

"The Guard and the Reserve are the lowest cost military forces that we have. As an economical and effective alternative to large standing forces they should, at all times, be kept at the optimum levels comparable with the importance of their mission.

"Because no nation, however prosperous, can afford to maintain on active duty all of the personnel who might be needed in time of national emergency, it is imperative that there be a pool of trained manpower available at a moment's notice. The Guard and Reserve, if properly maintained at adequate strength levels, will be able to fulfill this requirement."

LONG, USEFUL LIFE

The respect that fellow Senators had for Senator CHAVEZ' service on national defense matters was well expressed by Vice President Lyndon Johnson who said, "I believe the Members of the Senate and every liberty-loving American looks with a great deal of approval upon his efforts. The Senator from New Mexico has had a long and useful life of public service; and I think the Senate is honored to have him head this important subcommittee."

Senator CHAVEZ was thought to have won a year-and-a-half battle with cancer of the throat and was learning to talk again with a metal tube in his throat. He left the hospital last fall to campaign for his party's ticket in New Mexico. He contracted a virus which, coming after the long illness, led to a heart attack that took his life November 18, 1962.

Those who attended the funeral in Aubuquerque noted that when the funeral procession moved through the poorer sections of the city the people lined the streets for miles to pay their last respects. They had lost a great friend and they knew it. They always do.

DENNIS CHAVEZ

By Senator Ralph W. Yarborough

Of Texas

Mr. YARBOROUGH. I ask to have printed an article from the Albuquerque Journal entitled "A Fighter, Senator DENNIS CHAVEZ Battled to Top Post," describing something of the life of this distinguished leader.

A FIGHTER, SENATOR DENNIS CHAVEZ BATTLED TO TOP POST

(By Wayne S. Scott)

He was a fighter, the lad who was born 74 years ago in a poor adobe home in Los Chavez and was baptized DENNIS CHAVEZ. He fought his way out of the poverty of his early days, battled his way to one of the most powerful posts in the U.S. Senate, kept on fighting to better the conditions of those who had not been able to work their own way above poverty.

He was uncompromising in his beliefs—even to the point of giving up a needed job rather than deliver groceries to strikebreakers. He early broke from his father's political party because he didn't think it had the interests of the common man at heart—but was not adverse in later years to withholding support from the nominee of his own party. He was beloved by thousands of his fellow New Mexicans—and hated by almost as many.

His political fights were savage—but he won most of them. He twice fought, and licked, that dreaded ailment cancer. Death was due at last to a heart attack.

CHAVEZ served 27 years in the Senate, becoming one of its most colorful and powerful figures. He was fourth in seniority in the entire Chamber, and held the powerful chairmanships of the Committee on Public Works and the Subcommittee on Defense Appropriations.

He will be remembered chiefly for his Senate service. But before that he was a U.S. Representative and served in the State legislature. He was an attorney, had been an engineer, newspaper editor, deputy game warden, and grocery store employee.

Senator CHAVEZ was born April 8, 1888, in a small adobe house in the village of Los Chavez, north of Belen in Valencia County. The land on which the house stood had been granted to his direct ancestors by King Phillip II of Spain in 1597. His parents, David Chavez and Paz Sanchez de Chavez, were members of families which had lived in the community for generations.

His boyhood was typical of that of a rural New Mexico boy of that time. The family spoke only Spanish. Young DENNIS worked long hours in the fields, tending the crops that were to furnish the family's food and watching the cattle and sheep on the pastures.

In 1895, the family moved to Barelas—that part of present-day Albuquerque just east of the Barelas Bridge.

The move was made to give the children better educational opportunities. Young DENNIS attended a Presbyterian mission school which then stood at Second and Trumbull SW. He later attended the old third-ward school.

But the family's finances, which had never been good, became even worse. Young CHAVEZ was forced to quit school when in the seventh grade, to aid his father in supporting the family. There were eight children.

His first job was as a delivery boy for Charles Conroy, at the Highland Grocery Store. Work hours were 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily—11 p.m. on Saturdays.

During this time CHAVEZ pursued his education by the aid of books from the public library.

His grocery career ended abruptly when he was 18. He was instructed by his employer to deliver groceries to a group of strike breakers. He refused. He was promptly fired.

It was about this time he made his decision to join the Democratic Party. His father had been a Republican, a peace justice and GOP precinct chairman at Los Chavez before moving to Albuquerque. He was Republican chairman of precinct 5 after moving here.

The Senator used to recall he "had many a hot word with my father" over politics. The younger CHAVEZ hated the so-called patron system—which set up landowners as virtually omnipotent people in their communities. They owned the land and houses and—in effect—the people themselves. Most were Republicans.

A DEMOCRAT

So when the younger CHAVEZ turned to politics himself, in 1916, he entered through the Democratic Party.

Meanwhile, about the time he was fired from his grocery job, CHAVEZ made the acquaintance of Jim Gladding, a young engineer who had just moved to Albuquerque. Under Gladding's guidance, he studied engineering at night and qualified as a surveyor. When Gladding became city engineer of Albuquerque, in 1906, CHAVEZ became his assistant. As such, he aided in designing and supervising construction of the old part of the present city hall and 33 miles of sewage system. He later worked for the territorial

engineer, Jim French, and built the first highway in Rio Arriba County, between Espanola and Abiquiu.

In 1911 he married Imelda Espinosa, a member of another longtime and prominent New Mexico family.

For the next few years, CHAVEZ worked at a variety of occupations. He edited a Belen newspaper—until he wrote an editorial which did not match the owner's views. He was fired again. He then worked for the territorial engineer, operated a construction firm in Albuquerque in partnership with the late Rafael Garcia. became an assistant State game warden in 1917.

In 1916 he had his first political fight—and lost. He became Democratic nominee for Bernalillo County clerk and attempted to unseat the incumbent, Don Nestor Montoya. The latter, an experienced orator and public official, president of the New Mexico Press Association, and member of the then-dominant Republican Party, won easily.

In 1917 came a big chance for young CHAVEZ to continue upward. The late Senator A. A. Jones, Democrat, offered him the post of assistant clerk of the U.S. Senate. He jumped at the chance—mainly because he could continue his education in night school. In 1920 he graduated from the law school of Georgetown University and returned to Albuquerque to practice law. Two years later he was joined in that practice by his brother, David Chavez, Jr., now a justice of the State supreme court. He was elected to the State legislature in 1920, where he sponsored a bill to provide free textbooks for schoolchildren.

In 1930 he won election to the U.S. House of Representatives, defeating the incumbent, Albert G. Simms, Republican. During his first term in the House he unsuccessfully fought for a public works bill, but successfully sponsored a bill granting a moratorium on consideration assessments of reclamation districts. During his second term, he successfully sponsored a measure which allowed longtime settlers on lands to which Indians had title to keep the lands, with the Indians receiving payment.

HEADED THE PARTY

CHAVEZ became Democratic national committeeman for New Mexico in 1933.

The next year, he opposed the incumbent, Republican Bronson Cutting, for the U.S. Senate. Cutting was declared the winner. CHAVEZ filed a contest with the Senate. This was pending when Cutting was killed in an airplane crash. The late Clyde Tingley, then Governor, appointed CHAVEZ to the vacancy. He was elected in 1936—defeating the powerful Miguel A. Otero, Jr., of Santa Fe, Republican. He was reelected in 1940, 1946, 1952, and 1958. Every election was a tough fight.

In 1940 he was opposed for the Democratic nomination by the late John J. Dempsey, former Congressman and former Governor. CHAVEZ won by about 3,000 votes. But recounts demanded by Dempsey went on for weeks, without changing the results. The 1946 primary was a repeat. CHAVEZ defeated Dempsey by about 10,000 votes in this contest—but was opposed by Republican Patrick J. Hurley in the general election. Hurley tried again in 1952 to wrest the Senate seat from CHAVEZ, and when the incumbent was declared the winner, filed a contest of the election with the Senate itself. This dragged on until March 1954, when the Senate confirmed CHAVEZ winner.

PLANNED NEW CAMPAIGN

His renomination and reelection in 1958 was relatively easy. He had announced, about a year ago, he would seek reelection in 1964. He repeated this intention in an interview during his last visit to Albuquerque, shortly before the general election.

The Senator always kept a close watch on the political pulse of New Mexico—and frequently tried to influence the course of its elections. He had frequent "breaks" with leaders of his own party.

In 1942 CHAVEZ backed his friend Bryan G. Johnson in the latter's unsuccessful attempt for the Democratic nomination for Governor. Dempsey won the nomination. Clyde Tingley—who had appointed CHAVEZ to the Senate originally—was among those who fought Johnson in this primary.

He carried on open feuds with John E. Miles and Thomas J. Mabry during their terms as Governor. When Miles was defeated, in 1950, for a return to the Governor's office, there were many rumors CHAVEZ had given support to the winner, Republican Edwin L. Mechem.

DOUBTS REMOVED

There is no doubt as to the Senator's role in the defeats of Gov. John F. Simms in 1956 and Gov. John Burroughs in 1958, by Mechem. Dennis Chavez, Jr., son of the Senator, in a recent campaign talk in New Mexico said his father had withheld support from Simms and Burroughs in their bids for reelection because he had not liked their administrations.

In 1948 CHAVEZ had his first serious bout with disease. He became quite ill with cancer of the stomach and had about two-thirds of his stomach removed in an operation at St. Joseph's Hospital.

He suffered cancer of the throat about 2 years ago. He came to Albuquerque for treatment, had an operation and in Washington took cobalt treatments. Between hospital stays, he continued to actively work in the Senate and on its committees. His death was attributed to a heart attack.

CHAVEZ received many honors during his long career. Among them, and its bestowal was ranked by the Senator as one of the top events of his life, was the Order of the Aztec Eagle, First Class, the top award of Mexico. It was presented by Mexican Ambassador Antonio Carrillo Flores in September 1961.

TOPPED EFFORTS

"For me it was the culmination of years of effort to better relations with our vital neighbors to the south," CHAVEZ himself said.

Toward the end of his life, he looked backward in a series of articles for the Journal. He made this comment:

"It was the early years, the hard years of growing up in a poor country, that made the difference. They were years rich in human warmth. They taught me a knowledge of New Mexico, her people and problems, that has enabled me to serve effectively through more than 30 years in high office.

"I like to think I've repaid New Mexico in some small measure for the favors she did me as a child."

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